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* EGYPT	7212	J. Chellew	6th Dec.
M.L. CALEDONIA	7526	E. H. Gordon	13th "
* CHINA	7912	T. S. Angus	20th "
M.L. EGYPT	7912	J. Chellew	27th "
			1903
* ARABIA	7903	J. L. Parfitt	3rd Jan.
M.L. CHINA	7912	T. S. Angus	10th "
* ORIENTAL	7284	J. N. Tillard	17th "
M.L. ARABIA	7903	J. L. Parfitt	24th "
* PERSIA	7951	W. A. Wheler	31st "
M.L. ORIENTAL	8284	F. N. Tillard	7th Feb.
* CALEDONIA	7526	E. H. Gordon	14th "
M.L. PERSIA	7951	W. A. Wheler	21st "
EGYPT	7912	J. Chellew	28th "
M.L. CALEDONIA	7526	E. H. Gordon	7th March
* PENINSULAR	5794	T. Leigh	14th "
M.L. EGYPT	7912	J. Chellew	21st "
* MASSILIA	6911	G. W. Cockman	28th "
M.L. ARABIA	7903	J. L. Parfitt	4th April
* PENINSULAR	5794	T. Leigh	11th "
M.L. BRITANNIA	6125	F. H. Seymour	18th "
* MASSILIA	6911	G. W. Cockman	25th "
M.L. PERSIA	7951	W. A. Wheler	2nd May
* PENINSULAR	5794	T. Leigh	9th "
M.L. CALEDONIA	7526	E. H. Gordon	16th "

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6,326	Schmitz	15th Jan. 1903.
4,122	Remes	12th Feb. 1903.

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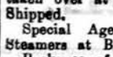

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N. A. F. MOOS,
Hon. Secretary.

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H. S. BLACK,
Commander R. I. M., Port Officer of Bombay.

Port Office, Bombay, 1st Dec., 1902.

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A. MUIRHEAD,
General Traffic Manager.

Bombay, the 1st December, 1902.

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COMPRISING THE
G. I. P. AND THE INDIAN MIDLAND SECTIONS.

TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY OF STORES, &c.

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6. The Agent does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

W. L. SHAW,
Acting General Storekeeper,
General Storekeeper's Office, Parel, 25th November, 1902.

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NOTICE.

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C. CROMMELIN,
General Traffic Manager.

General Traffic Manager's Office, Bombay, 2nd Dec, 1902.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No 65 of 1902.

CHABILDAS LULLOOBHOY and another .....Plaintiff.

vs.

ESSABHOY MOOLA ABDEALLY .....Defendant.

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A. K. OLIVER,
Commissioner.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY.

NOTICE.

THE TIME for the RECEPTION of TENDERS for CARBIDE of CALCIUM is extended from 15th December, 1902, to 22nd December, 1902.

By Order,

J. W. A. McNAIR,
Chief Storekeeper, N. W. Railway.

Chief Storekeeper's Office, Lahore, 28th November, 1902.

NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

NOTICE.

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2. The rate to be quoted will be for delivery, free of all charges, at the port of Karachi, Bombay, or Calcutta.

3. Tenders to be submitted to the Manager's office not later than 13-30 hours on MONDAY, 15th December, 1902, at which hour, date and place they will be opened. The Manager does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender or to assign any reason for non-acceptance.

By Order,

J. W. A. MACNAIR,
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Chief Storekeeper's Office, Lahore, 17th November, 1902.

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Bombay, 15th November, 1902.

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Mr. William Riding, the proprietor of the Didsbury Hotel, Didsbury, near Manchester, writes: It is with great pleasure I write and tell you what a wonderful cure Clarke's Blood Mixture has made of my leg. I suffered for three years with a bad leg and tried almost every ointment there was, and was also under several doctors without deriving any benefit. The last doctor said he could do me no good and that I should have to go to the Manchester Infirmary and have all the bad flesh scraped away I really thought my leg would have to come off. I saw Clarke's Blood Mixture advertised, but was no believer in advertised remedies, and was just on the eve of going to the infirmary when I decided to give it a trial. I took three large bottles, which entirely cured me, and shall never be tired of giving Clarke's Blood Mixture praise. Scores of travellers saw my leg when it was bad, and they say the cure is a miracle. I have been waiting to see if it would break out again before sending this testimonial, but I am now convinced it is a lasting cure."

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THE ONLY THING FOR ECZEMA.
A WHOLE FAMILY CURED.

Mr. C. A. J. Cook, of the Metropolitan Fir Brigade, Faraday-road, North Kensington, W., writes: "I have suffered from birth with blotches, pimples and disfigurements of the face, and what I now find was 'Eczema,' by my five children having the same complaint. My two eldest sons, aged eleven and seven, were sent home from school in February, 1899, and I was asked not to send them again until they were better, as they could not be allowed to sit in the class with the other children. My wife took them to two hospitals, where they gave her ointment and told her not to wash them with soap and the blotches would go away. This was tried for seven months in vain; in fact, they became worse, and we began to think nothing would cure them; then my other three children broke out with the same kind of sores. They could all eat and drink well, which only seemed to feed the complaint.

"When one day I was on a tramcar going to Tottenham with two of my children, a gentleman spoke to me, saying, 'Your children have Eczema very badly, and the only thing that will do them any good is Clarke's Blood Mixture.' I promised him before he left the tramcar that I would try it. My wife got a bottle from Harrod's Stores, and we all commenced taking it. After we had taken three bottles my children and myself began to lose all the blotches and pimples; and now we have quite different complexions, the Eczema having disappeared I think the least we can do is to praise Clarke's Blood Mixture for the great cure it has effected with us all.

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"TURNED OUT INCURABLE."
TWO YEARS SUFFERING WITH ABSCESSES.

Mr. Fox Morton, 20, Back Oak-street, Heckmondwike, writes: "I have much pleasure in praising Clarke's Blood Mixture, as I have received great benefit from it. I suffered terribly with abscesses, having seven of them, and could get no relief for two years. I was taken to the Infirmary, and after 13 weeks' treatment was turned out incurable, and given up by several Doctors. A kind friend having heard of the wonderful effect of Clarke's Blood Mixture advised me to try it. I did so, and after one bottle I was able to sit up in bed; so I continued with it, and gradually got stronger. When I had taken six bottles I was able to walk without sticks. I am pleased to say I am quite well now, and have been working twelve months."—Dec. 17, 1901

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BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

LONDON, DECEMBER 4.

The Bombay Mails of 22rd ult. arrived at Brindisi to-day.

SECURITIES—
2½ per cent. Consols ..... £92 7/8 ex = unchanged
3 per cent. Rentes ..... £98 3/4 = plus 1/4
3½ per cent. Indian Sterling Loan ..... £107 = unchanged
3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper ..... £85 1/8 = do

SILVER—
Spot in London ..... 21 7/8 = plus 1/16
2 months hence ..... 21 7/8 = plus 1/16
Spot in New York ..... 47 2/8 = plus 1/8

EXCHANGES—
Paris cheques ..... 25·15 1/2 = unchanged
Berlin ..... 20·46 1/4 = — 1/4
New York Demand ..... 4·87 1/8 = — 1/8

DISCOUNTS—
Bank of England ..... 4 pr ct =
3 months sight Bank Bills ..... 3 3/4 pr ct = — 1/8
6 „ „ „ „ ..... 3 7/8 pr ct = plus 1/8
3 months sight Fine Trade Bills ..... 4 pr ct = — 1/8
6 months sight Fine Trade Bills ..... 4 1/4 pr ct = — 1/8

INTEREST—
1 day to day loans ..... 3/4 pr ct = plus 1/2
7 day market loans ..... 3 1/8 pr ct = — 1/4

Amount withdrawn from the Bank of England about £325,000.

Sugar.—German granulated 1st marks 9 3-4. Dec.-Jan. Tone firm.

Rubber.—Para Rubber 3s. 5d.

Coffee—Coffee in New York, 5 1-4.

In Liverpool—

Cotton Market closed steady. Surats quiet. Manchester quiet. Total sales 10,000 bales. Spot 4·48 — 6. Sold on speculation and for Export 500 bales. Imports 23,000 bales. Arrivals closed quiet but steady.

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-March	March-Apr.
4·43 plus 2	4·43 plus 3	4·43 plus 3	4·43 plus 3
Apl.-May	May-June.	June-July	July-Aug.
4·43 plus 3	4·43 plus 2	4·43 plus 2	4·43 plus 2

In New York—
Receipts at the Port ..... 57,000 bales.
„ Do. last year ..... 48,000 „
„ Exports to Great Britain ..... 10,000 „
„ Continent ..... 29,000 „
Mid-Uplands ..... 8·50
Futures, month of Dec. ..... 8·27 plus 2
Do. do. March ..... 8·19 plus 1

In New Orleans—
Spot 7 15-16
Futures month of March ..... 8 13 plus 1
Do. June ..... 8·20 plus 2
Tone at close ..... steady.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat, and Seeds into Bombay during the 24 hours ending at 6 p.m. on Thursday, 4th December, 1902:—
Cotton ..... 8,012 bales.
Wheat ..... 12,363 cwts.
Linseed ..... 1,015 „
Rapeseed ..... Nil
Gingellyseed ..... 27,367 „
Poppyseed ..... 541 „
Groundnuts ..... 173 „
Castorseed ..... 2,235 „
Rice ..... 2,004 „
Myrabollams ..... 783 „
Cottonseed ..... 20,573 „

BOMBAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5.

There was an unexpected reaction in the price of silver early in the week both in London and America, but later on prices again gave way, and at the close quotations are much the same as those current last mail. It is generally believed that the rise was due to speculative purchases covering former sales, and there is no actual change in the position of the metal. The course of the market is still uncertain, and the idea that lower prices may be our rent in the immediate future has a very adverse effect on the local spinning mills and the yarn market. All business with China is more or less at a standstill, and until prices are adjusted to counteract the effects of the fall in exchange the outlook is far from satisfactory.

The Washington Agricultural Bureau report was received here yesterday morning, and the general belief in the bazaar appears to be that the estimate now issued, viz., 10,417,000 bales, is likely to be as incorrect as the estimate of last year proved to be. Messrs. Neil Brothers have followed the annual Bureau estimate with their own, which confirms their former opinion of an American crop of 11-2 to 12 million bales. The immediate effect of the Bureau report is a decline in prices in all markets from those ruling on the previous day. The receipts at present at the U. S. ports are not so large as those of last year, but this is partly accounted for by rains in the cotton growing districts. Whatever may be the final outturn of the American crop and its effect on the future course of prices, it is apparent that our Indian crop will be in excess of last year's, while up to the present the enquiry from consumers has been on a smaller scale. The local mill industry is heavily effected by the decline in silver and the consequent dulness of trade with China, and it remains to be seen whether the final adjustment of prices will not have to be partially due to a fall in the price of the raw material. The enquiry for Surats from Japan is very much less than last year, and up to the present time it has chiefly run on Broach and other fine stapled descriptions, which have not yet come to market. The demand from Europe is moderate and at some reduction on present prices, and consists for the most part of orders for Bengals. We hear of a little enquiry at low rates for Khandeish and similar descriptions of cotton, which form such a large bulk of Bombay arrivals when the season is in full swing. Taking all these points into consideration it is not a matter of surprise that dealers are daily showing more inclination to enter into forward contracts for the sale of their produce, or that buyers, on the other hand, are holding off, and are only purchasing against their immediate requirements either for shipment or consumption in the local mills. The tone of the market is distinctly dull and has been so throughout the week. Lower prices than those now current are generally anticipated, and in the meanwhile business is very slack. The future must eventually develop into a question of price at which the crops can be moved off, but at present speculation enters largely into the current rates, and Sutta contracts now rule the forward market.

The Seeds markets have not been very active during the week under review. Prices are still very much above the parity of home quotations, and business for export has generally been confined to some spot purchases with little or nothing doing for forward deliveries. But but little speculative business has maintained rate in some descriptions of seeds. In Linseed the price for ready has been raised to Rs. 8-4 in view of the December Sutta now approaching, while the quotation for April May delivery has remained almost unchanged at Rs. 7-13, with no inquiry from buyers. Rapeseed was steady for spot delivery with a small business passing in Brown and Yellow, but for new crop prices are quite nominal with no transactions reported. Poppyseed is strong owing to stocks being almost exhausted, and the price of ready has advanced to Rs. 8-4, while new crop is steady at about Rs. 7-8, possibly in sympathy with the ready market, as business is very limited. Castorseed is quiet but steady, with little change to report in quotations for ready or forward. The Groundnuts market is nominal at Rs. 26 for January-February delivery, there being no buyers at the rate, though possibly business might be done at about Re. 1 lower. In Gingelly seed the market has again given way, due to large arrivals in Bombay, and in some cases exporters are reported to have sold back their former purchases to the bazar. The tone of the market is dull with a considerable difference between local prices and consumers' ideas in Europe, and stocks accumulating here.

The Freight market has remained steady to firm throughout the week, but the higher rates asked by sellers has somewhat checked business, and the bookings reported are moderate for the present season of the year. The rate seems to vary between 13s. 6d. to 14s. according to port required, and though the latter rate has been paid for December shipment some concession had to be given for next year's loading, but at the close some bookings are reported at the rate. A fair number of steamers are reported fixed from Bombay at from 12s. 6d., one Mediterranean port, December loading, to 13s., one picked port, January and January-February. The Austrian Lloyds continue to quote 13s., for December and 15s. January to May. The Rubattino Company quote 14s. seeds and 15s. cotton December, and 15s. and 16s., January to May. The Hansa Line have sold a good line at 14s., January to May. A large shipping company have sold Hamburg at 13s. 6d., January loading, speculators buying.

The mail of the 21st November brings £80,000 silver and £30,000 gold, and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs.	28,10,000
Bombay	„	19,10,000
Madras	„	2,90,000
	Rs.	50,10,000

The mail of the 28th November brings £140,000 silver and £20,000 gold, and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs.	24,20,000
Bombay	„	37,80,000
Madras	„	11,80,000
	Rs.	62,80,000

The mail of the 5th December brings £100,000 silver and £20,000 gold, and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	Rs.	13,90,000
Bombay	„	47,20,000
Madras	„	1,10,000
	Rs.	62,10,000

At the last weekly allotment of Council Bills the sixty lakhs were again taken at 1s. 4 1-32d., and an extra allotment of 2·10 lakhs was made at 1s 4 1-16d. The tenderers received 11 per cent., and the amount for next week remains unchanged at sixty lakhs.

The following changes appear in the Bank of Bombay statement, dated 29th November, compared with the previous week:—

ASSETS.

Public Deposits	Rs.	4,53,339	Increase.
Other Deposits		19,23,434	Decrease.
Credits Undrawn		2,21,903	Decrease.

LIABILITIES.

Government Securities	47,833	Decrease.
Other Authorised Securities	1,99,573	Decrease.
Credits on Securities	29,029	Decrease.
Loans do.	1,73,921	Decrease.
Bills discounted & purchased	10,25,237	Increase.
Balance with other Banks	1,24,133	Decrease.
Cash	22,43,550	Decrease.

These figures show an increase in the trade demand of 29·68 lakhs.

The Bank of Bengal statement, dated the 2nd December, shows the following changes compared with the previous week:—

Public Demand	1·2 lakh	Decrease.
Cash Head Office	2·40 „	Do.
Do. Branches	7·00 „	Do.
Government Deposits	4 1-2 „	Do.
Bank's Investments	1·00 „	Increase.

The Bank of Madras statement for the week shows an increase of Rs. 9 lakhs. The combined cash in the three Presidency Banks thus shows a decline of about 23 lakhs. There is no change in the Bank rate, which remains at 4 per cent. per annum, being the same rate as was current at this time last year. The quotation for two months' fixed deposits is about 2 1-2 to 3 per cent.

The Sterling Exchange market has shown a slightly easier tendency throughout the week but only for ready and early deliveries, forward rates being practically the same as our quotations given last mail. With some decline in the London Discount Market three months' sight Credits, D. A., have been quoted daily at 1s. 4 1-4d. for near delivery, and latterly the rate was available for all December. Mercantile Paper has, however, been scarce throughout the week, the quantity of bills offered for sale being on a very moderate scale either for ready or forward delivery. Private Telegraphic Transfers has been quoted at 1s. 4 1-16d. for near delivery and Private Demand at 1s. 4 3-32d., with business reported at these rates. In Bank Paper Telegraphic Transfers have been generally quoted at even money with a thirty-second better occasionally obtainable. Bank Demand has been offered daily at 1s. 4 1-32d. for the out-going mail, and also for the mail of 13th instant with 1s. 4 1-16d quoted for the mail of 10th instant. For next year we make no change on our last mail's quotations. Business reported is quiet with some enquiry at 1s. 4 1-32d. Bank Telegraphic Transfers, ready delivery. The large amount of bills which were placed in November has apparently exhausted the supply for the present; but at a very slight reduction in forward quotations it is probable that a fair amount would be again forthcoming.

In the 3 1-2 per cent. Government Paper market the monthly settlement came off on the 1st instant. The surplus was financed at equal rates, and though the price was fairly maintained by the "Bulls" until the settlement was practically completed, the tone of the market has since been dull and inactive, while quotations have given way about four to five annas below the settlement rate of Rs. 97 9-16 to Rs. 97 5-8. The usual calm has been experienced, and little interest was shown in the market. The big operators have not yet begun to work, and meanwhile the bazaar is waiting for their lead. The Money market is amply supplied for the present, but the end of the year should witness a much stronger enquiry from up-country to move the crops and Eurmah will also be requiring funds for its rice crop. The closing rate is about Rs. 97·7 for 5th January settlement in a steady market following the Calcutta advices.

The following are the market quotations for local Corporation Bonds:—

	Repayable,	Rate.
4 per cent Bombay Port Trust	1923	101
4 per cent „ „	1930	101 1-2
4 per cent „ „	1932	102
4 per cent Bombay Municipal	1923	99 1-2
4 per cent „ „	1940	100
5 per cent „ „	Tanna	115
4 per cent „ „	Sanitary	114
4 per cent Bo. Improvement Trust	1939	99 1-2
4 per cent „ „	1962	102

Prices of Bullion:—

English Bar silver ex duty Ready		55·8
Do. do	1st Settlement	55·8
Do. do	2nd do.	55·8
English Bar gold, Ready		24-0-9

The Silver market was unsettled throughout the week in sympathy with advices from London and America. A fairly large amount of business was put through at various rates, and at the close the market is steady, with a rise of half per cent. since opening this morning, due to bazaar purchases. There is a small business passing in gold.

The Piece-Goods market continues quiet with little doing. There is some enquiry for Dyed Goods, and some business has been put through. For Greys and Whites up-country demand continues indifferent. Prices almost remain the same with the exception of low Whits Mulls where they have dropped by half to one anna. Deliveries are fair. One or two firms are reported to have cleared some portion of old stocks at big losses.

The local Yarn market is unchanged with nothing doing. It is rumoured that some of the mills are going to close down and that others will work short time, until the market assumes a more healthy appearance.

In Metals we have to report more active markets. A very large business was done during the week, both in ready and forward shipments of Copper and Yellow Metal Sheets, and something like 1,000 to 1,200 tons is reported to have been put through. The market closes very firm. The price of Copper varied from £61 to £63 and of Yellow Metal from £50 to £51. The Iron Market is also steady, and enquiries are coming for G. O. sheets, hoops, bars, steel sheets, &c., but at slightly under home equivalents, and a moderate business has been transacted. Spelter is quiet. Quicksilver is firm owing to small stocks, but tin plates and pig lead are declining.

The market for Coals is weak. The sales reported consist of Bengal Coal, December-January shipment 2,000 tons Gopslichuk at Rs. 10-12 and 2,000 tons Topcsi at Rs. 10, and also a few hundred tons of ready Desharghur at Rs. 12-10.

The Share market is quiet. Bank of Bombay shares have changed hands at Rs. 1,292 1-2, Commercials at Rs. 49 to Rs. 50, and Bank of Bengals at Rs. 1,230. In mill shares Manockjee Petits have remained at and about Rs. 1,800 during the whole week. Centrals are quiet at Rs. 1,470 and Swadeshis at Rs. 655. Currimbhais are unchanged at Rs. 585. David Mill shares are weak at Rs. 250. Chinas changed hands at Rs. 465. Standards have declined to Rs. 275. Colaba Land and Mill shares have declined to Rs. 392 1-2. Messrs. Greaves Cotton and Company Mill shares are all quiet at previous quotations. Sas oon Spinning shares have come down to Rs. 690 and Sassoon Silk shares are quiet at Rs. 440. Morarjees and Shoolapurs are unchanged at Rs. 1,585 and 1,710, respectively. In Press shares New Mofussils have changed hands at Rs. 450. New Indians are unchanged at Rs. 153 3-4, and New Berars are steady at Rs. 540. Harvey and Sahapathy Press shares have changed hands at Rs. 565 and Volkarts at Rs. 990. In Railway Companies Tapti Valley are quiet at Rs. 430 and Ahmedabad-Prantej unchanged at Rs. 560. In miscellaneous list Bombay-Burmahs have been reported to have changed hands at Rs. 6,800 and quarter shares at Rs. 1,730. Port Canning and Land Improvement shares are steady at Rs. 422 1-2. Treachers and Kemps are unchanged at Rs. 615 and 245, respectively. Marcks are steady at Rs. 135. Badham Piles are unchanged at Rs 152. Bombay Flour Mill shares have advanced to Rs. 825. Bombay Telephone Company shares have changed hands at Rs. 24 1-2 to Rs. 24. The rest of the companies are all unchanged and quiet at previous quotations with little business passing.

EXCHANGE—Tone quiet but steady.

Bank T. T.		1s. 4d.
Bank Demand		1s. 4 1-32d.
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight D. A. ...		1s 4 1-4d.
Do 6 do do		1s 4 3-8d
French France 3 do do		170
Marks 3 do do		138 1-2
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight.		116
Shanghai 30 „ „		160
Japan 30 „ „		152 1-2

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent—Tone steady.

Cash	Rs.	97 8
1st Settlement	Rs.	97 7

Money Market—Tone easy.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since	2nd October	4	per cent.
Bank of Bombay do.	6th November	4	do.
Bank of Bengal do.	15th October	4	do.
Bank of Madras do.	30th June	4	do.

SEEDS.

Linseed.—Tone firm.

		Rs.	a.
Ready	...	8	2
Forward April-May	...	7	13

Rapeseed.—Tone steady.

Brown Cawnpore Ready ...	5	7			
Yellow Cawnpore Ready ...	5	14	to	5	15
Do. Gujarat April May ...	...	6		6	

Poppyseed.—Tone steady.

Ready	...	8	4		
Forward April-May	...	7	7	to	7 8

Castorseed—Tone quiet.

Ready	...	24	8
Forward April-May.	...	25	0

Groundnuts—Tone steady.

Forward Jany-Feby	...	36	0

Gingellyseed.—Tone quiet.

Howree Khandesh Ready...		38	0
15 per cent. Mxd. Dec.-Jan.		37	1-2
25 „ „	...	37	0
50 „ „	...	35	1-2
Black Kutnee	...	32	12

LIVERPOOL OPENING-TELEGRAM.

Tone	Easier			
Estimated sales	8,000			
Total Imports.....	7,000			
Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.		
4·42 —1	4·42 —1	4·42 —1		
Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May.	May-June.	June-July	July. Aug
4·42 —1	4·42 —1	4·42 —1	4·42 —1	4·42 —1

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited:—

Growths	Fine	F.G	Good delivery
Bengals, H G (Ry terms)	163	154	— 25 Dec
Bengals, M G (Ry terms)	164	153	— do
Sind Punjab (M G) ...	164	153	— do
Beladi, M G ...	175	169	— do
Khandesh, (M G) ...		162	— do
Domangaum Poolgaum..	177	171	— do
Oomra good staple ...	174	173	173 do
Akola do\			
Khamgaum do } ...	177	171	164 do
Karanja do/			
Broach do ...	186	...	188 25 March

COTTON STATISTICS. (Bales.)

Receipts for the week	43,934
Receipts from 1st Oct. to 3rd Dec. ..	117,739
Shipments for the week, to Europe	12,54
Do. China, Japan and Coast Ports	Nil.
Total	12,541
Shipments from 1st Octobr to 3rd December, Europe	36,232
Japan	2,283
China	500
Coast Ports, ...	2,186
Total	41,201
Afloat in Harbour for Europe	3,151
China, Japan and Coast Ports	3,500

Week's Receipts of produce in Bombay.

Cotton	45,590 Bales.
Wheat	95,605 cwts.
Linseed	9,188 „
Rapeseed	5,245 „
Gingellyseed	238,917 „
Poppyseed	891 „
Groundnuts	1,530 „
Castorseed	31,112 „
Rice	20,097 „
Myrabollams	12,243 „
Cottonseed	81,982 „

PRICE OF BULLION.

	Rs.
English Bar Gold	24-1-0
China Leaf	23-14 Nom.
Pekin Bar Gold Old	23-11 „
Do New	23-12 „
Australian Bar Gold 100 touch	23 14 6 „
Bombay „ „	24 „
English Sovereigns	15-2-0 „
Do. Dragons	15 „
Bar Silver 17 Bottomries	57-12 „
Do. 17 1-0	58-14 „

BOMBAY STANDING COMMITTEE.

THE weekly meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bombay Corporation was held yesterday afternoon in the Municipal Council Hall. Mr. James McDonald presiding. There were present: the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoola, Dr. A. G. Viegas, the Hon. Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, Dr. N. N. Katrak, Mr. Vithaldas Damoder, Mr. Hajee Yusuf Hajee Ismail, Mr. Manmahondas Ramjee, Mr. S. D. Khote, Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram, the Commissioner, Mr. W. L. Harvey, and the Secretary, Mr. M. N. Wadia.

THE BUDGET ESTIMATES.

The Committee proceeded to resume the consideration of the Municipal Budget Estimates for the year 1903-1904. The Income side was taken up and the working cash balance at the beginning of the year was passed at Rs. 11,10,000.

WATER-TAX AND TOWN DUTIES.

The Hon. Mr. Ebrahim Rahimtoola moved that the general tax be passed at Rs. 23,09,600 as recommended by the Commissioner, namely, at 11 per cent. He was of opinion that the water-tax or town duties ought not to be increased, the reasons in support of which he had stated at a previous meeting. Mr. Ebrahim pointed out where high charges were made for water, and how Government and local bodies would escape payment under the one per cent proposed. He, therefore, felt strongly that general tax should be increased and not the water-tax or town duties.

The Hon. Sir Balchandra Krishna seconded the proposition. He said if the water-tax were increased the house-owners would escape its payment by charging increased rents to their tenants. He saw no reason for any tax being levied on grain or firewood.

Mr. S. D. Khote moved an amendment that the tax be passed at Rs. 26,10,500. He said if the proposal of Mr. Ebrahim Rahimtoola were adopted it would increase the deficit by Rs. 46,000. On the other hand the deficit would remain stationary if his suggestion was accepted. In his opinion an increase in the town duties would not affect the poor.

The amendment was lost, and Mr. Ebrahim's proposal was carried.

SANCTIONED ESTIMATES.

Sanction was given to the following other income estimates:—The addition of Fire Brigade charges at Rs. 1,31,530; the Water-tax and Tolls at Rs. 3,46,000; Town Duties at Rs. 11,49,000; Licenses of Dangerous and Offensive Trades at Rs. 65,000, for Streets and Buildings at Rs. 3,500; for Land Conveyance, Music, etc., at Rs. 24,000, and for Liquor at Rs. 144,000, and for Tobacco Duty at Rs. 2,24,500; and Halalkhor Tax at Rs. 7,79,0.0.

It was proposed by the Hon. Mr. Ebrahim Rahimtula that the water-tax be passed at 4 per cent as recommended by the Commissioner, namely, a reduction in meter rates for trade purposes as suggested by Mr. Vithaldas Damodar would be desirable if practicable but that was not possible under the existing circumstances. He was against any further charge on the town duties.

Dr. Katrak was of opinion that as the general tax had been passed it was not right to disturb the budget any more. He said that reduction in meter charges was unfair.

The amendment of Mr. Vithaldas was lost and the proposition was carried.

The committee passed the following other items: Market Receipts at Rs. 4,18,500; Public Gardens at Rs. 10,000; Tramway Rent at Rs. 50,000; Miscellaneous Fines Receipts, Fees and Savings at Rs. 1,73,000; Contribution towards the Pension Fund at Rs. 19,500; Net profit on the Municipal Workshops at Rs. 5,00; Profit on the sale of stores to contractors etc. at Rs. 4,000; sale proceeds of unserviceable Tools and Plant at Rs. 2,000; Interest and Profit on Investment of Surplus Loan and other Balances at Rs. 120,000; and Interest on Sinking and Insurance Funds investements at Rs. 2,24,000.

THE LOAN WORKS BUDGET.

Consideration was given to the loan works budget in the introductory remarks to which the Commissioners said:—

The total estimated expenditure on Loan Works, during the year, including provision for Plague expenditure, aggregates Rs. 20,11,000 against estimated balances in hand and loans to be raised aggregating Rs. 23,00,000. The closing balance is thus estimated at Rs. 2,89,000. Provision has been made for the following special works which will require to be financed by the raising of a new loan:—"Drainage," 17 cesspits in one street and 7 manholes on avoid sewers Rs. 70,700; sewerage of the Malabar Hill District Sectional Rs. 6,39,948; sewerage of the villages of Wadala, Gowari and Khara Rs. 2,12,425; sewerage of the Dharavi village Rs. 1,75,000; drainage arrangements in Agripada in connection with the Improvement Trust Scheme Rs. 40,000; total Rs. 11,34,074.

"Water works"—Construction of additional filters at the Malabar Hill Reservoir, Rs. 2,03,330; laying water mains in connection with the City Improvement Trust Schemes:—9" and 4" mains in the new roads in the Agripada District Rs. 51,874; 4" main in Sankli Street Rs. 1,70); 4" main in Connaught Road Estate Rs. 1,070; 4" main in new street near Lohar Chawl (estimated cost Rs. 6,500, of which Rs. 3,000 to be charged to the Renewal Fund) Rs. 3,500; 4" cast-iron mains in Wodehouse Road Rs. 5,240; mains in 1st Nagpada Scheme (de. 10,443, of which Rs. 2,031 to be charged to the Renewal Fund) Rs. 8,412; total Rs. 72,391; Renewal of 32" Vesar main, south of Kurla Rs. 2,00,000, total Rs. 5,05,728, grand total Rs. 17,03,8.0.

The total estimated cost of these works is Rs. 17,03,820, but it is proposed to spend only Rs. 11,18,800 during the ensuing financial year, in addition to Rs. 199,046 spent and to be spentup to 31st March 1903. It will be seen that the outlay on water and drainage works in connection with the Schemes of the City Improvement Trust is estimated at Rs. 1,12,396. The savings on loan works already acquired to Rs. 2,21,735. From this it is proposed to adjust the advances of Rs. 68,120-8-2 made on account of Herlth Department stables in F & G Wards, and of Rs. 3,000 on account of tidal flaps on ovoid sewers, thus leaving an available balance of Rs. 1,56,054-14-1 of which Rs. 57,850 is proposed to be utilized for meeting the cost of the following new works:—Ovoiding and regrading the openoasside drains in Umerkhadi Road, Rs. 4,991; Ovoiding and regrading the side drain in Imamwadi from Fort Road to Jail Road, North. Rs. 3116; Slab drain 18 by 18 in Store Lane and Hornbie Street Rs. 3,010; Constructing an open drain from the outfall to the fishpond at Walkeshwar Road. Rs. 2,950; nine ventilating pipe sewers in the Fort Sewerage District, Rs. 5,000; Storm water drains in part of Glider Street and Foras Road from Grant Road to Falkland Road Rs. 16,213; Filling in Glider Tank. Rs. 22,300; total Rs. 57,580.

Out of the balance of the savings amounting to Rs. 97,784-14-1 Rs. 80,000 are proposed to be utilized as incidentally mentioned in my remarks in the Revenue Budget, on meeting expenditure in connection with the acquisition of set-backs for the improvement of streets which, it is anticipated, will eventually entail heavy outlay. Pending the final decision of the Corporation and the obtaining of expert opinion in regardto the use of steel mains, the water work sanctioned by that body in their Resolution No. 5494 of the 2nd August 1901 have been provided for in full in the budget programme. The total amount proposed to be raised is 20 lakhs thus—Final instalment of the 24 3-4 lakhs loan Rs. 3,75,000; first instalment of the new loan Rs. 16,25,000; total Rs. 20,00,000

The Committee was then adjourned.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

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C. H. HILL,
Private Secretary to H. E. the Governor of Bombay.

Ganeshkhind, 1st December, 1902.

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THE steamer Clydesdale, 2,295 tons, Captain J G Sharp, will sail to day, for Hamburg and London, with a general cargo.

THE P and O S N Co's steamer Pekin, 2,522 tons, Captain C R Longden, will sail to-day, for Yokohama &c, with a general cargo.

THE steamer Secunder, 1,035 tons, Captain C W Brebner, F R G S, will sail to-day, for Mauritius, with a general cargo, and 60 deck passengers.

THE Wilson Line steamer Othello, 3,327 tons, Captain G T Johnson, will sail to-day, for Hull via Karachi, with a general cargo and Mr Predeaux as a passenger.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Sirdhana, 2,073 tons, Captain J H Addenbrook, will sail to-day, for Rangoon, &c, with a general cargo and Miss and Master Rickford, as passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Putiala, 1,929 tons, Captain R Phillips, will sail to-day, for Zanzibar, &c, with a general cargo, and Mr Jewanjee, wife and two children and 19 deck passengers.

THE Flo-lo-Rubattino S N Co's steamer Bisagno, 1,503 tons, Captain M Alberto, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Hongkong, 12th November, with a general cargo and 32 deck passengers.

THE steamer Albion, 650 tons, Captain R J Curtis, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Bangkok, 18th November, with a cargo of timber. The vessel is consigned to Messrs Ritchie Steuart and Co.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Khandalla, 1,318 tons, Captain J C Kirkham, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Buseh, 23rd November, with a general cargo, 100 cases opium and 28 horses and the following passengers:—Mr Geo Arnold, Mrs Ashdown, 23 natives and 113 deck.

ARRIVALS.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
5	Khandalla s	Kirkham ..	Buseh, Nov 23
	Albion s	Curtis	Bangkok, Nov 18
	Bisagno s	Alberto	Hongkong, Nov 12

DEPARTURE.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander	Destination.
5	Sirdhana s	Addenbrook	Rangoon, &c

The following vessels obtained their portclearances yesterday :—

Steamer Secunder, Brebner, for Mauritius.
" Alexandria, Jones, for Karachi.
" Othello, Johnson, for Hull via Karachi.
" Pekin, Longden, for Yokohama.
" Putiala, Phillips, for Zanzibar, &c.
" Clydesdale, Sharp, for Hamburg and London.

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday :—

Steamer Safari, for Zanzibar, &c.
" Calcionia, for London.
" Goldenfels, for Hamburg via Karachi.
" Alboin, for Bangkok, &c.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

SUEZ, DECEMBER 4.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. China with the outward mails of the 28th ultimo left here at noon to-day.

The P. and O. Company's s.s. Marsilia is expected to arrive in Bombay from China at daylight on Monday next.

The N. Y. K. steamer Kagoshima Maru left Hongkong for Singapore on the 5th instant.

The Messageries Maritimes Co., s. s. Ernest Simons which left Bombay on Thursday the 20th ultimo, arrived at Marseilles on Thursday the 4th instant at 2 p.m.

DAILY EXPORTS.—DECEMBER 5.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Methjee Hall s—900 cwt myrabolams Eljee Ocmersey.

FOR LONDON.

Caledonia s—4000 cwt mussoor Ralli Brothers; 5002 cwt bonemeal Mcajee Jamali; 10 bales hides Pestonjee E Boyce; 1137 cwt myrabolams Wagjee Hechur; 10 cases peacock feathers and 150 cwt horns M Mahomed and Co; 100 cwt deer horns J M Rahimtoola; 4 bales carpets S Bhimjee; 475 cwt gum Hirjee Virdhor.

FOR HULL.

Cromwell s—200 cwt cottonseed Nanrey Khairaz and Co; 11071 cwt cottonseed Ralli Brothers; 1975 cwt cottonseed Gaddum and Co.

Caspian s—2100 cwt cottonseed Ralli Brothers; 4000 cwt cottonseed Killick Nixon and Co.

FOR BREMEN.

Goldenfels s—500 cwt mussordreed Volkart Brothers; 10 cases bristles, Glade and Co; 220 bales cotton and 4062 cwt gingellyseed A Blaschcek and Co.

FOR ANTWERP.

Imani s—460 bales hemp Riddle Reeve and Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Ischia s—570 bales twist Sassoon J David and Co.
Pekin s—170 bales twist R S N Talati and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Ischia s—1000 bales twist Sassoon J David and Co; 500 bales C Ebrahim and Co.
Pekin s—40 bales twist Sorabjee Dossabhoy and Co; 27 cwt chibanum A H Mowjee and Co; 20 cwt sharkfins H A Mahomed; 38 chests opium P and O S N Co.

HIGH COURT.—DECEMBER 6.

Before the Hon. Mr. Justice B. TYABJEE.

For Consent Decree.

78-02—Tyabjee D and Co—Tarachand Lakhmandas and another vs Balchund Ramchand and others—Wadia and G.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

271-02—Bhaishanker and K—Jamnadas Kanjee and others vs Hirajee Scorjee and others—Dikshit and D.
88-02—Crawford B and Co—Municipal Corporation vs Hormusjee Arcesbir Wadia—Dikshit and D.
207-02—Framjee and D—Haji Jan Mahomed Haji vs Ebrahim Haji Mahomed—Tyabjee D and Co.
869-01—Mulla and M—Vajee Madhavdas vs Eljee Comersey and others—Pestonjee R and K.
660 99—Dikshit and D—Dajee Abajee Khare vs Govind Narayen Bapat and others—H Dayabhai.
814-01—Madhowjee V—Bai Fremcore widow vs L W G Rivett-Carnac—Mansuklal J. and H.
303-02—Ardeshir H D and Co—Jamsetjee Nusserwanjee Tata vs Gordhandas Gunamdas and others—Peerjun R and K—(For postponement).
770-01—Ardeshir H D and Co—Merwanjee D M Jejeebhoy vs Sir Dinshaw Manekjee Petit, Bart—Craigie L & A. o.
624-00—Captain and V—Mahomed Gassum Curtaz vs Shamsoodin Pathan—Ardeshir B D and Co.
786-99—Crawford B and Co—Hajee Jackeria Hajee Ahmed Patel vs Hajee Mohomed Hajee Cooverman—Edgelow G and W.
351-00—Craigie L and O—Narrenjee Dwarkadas vs Kessorbai and another—Edgelow G and W.
661-96—Thakurdas and Co—Hajee Rahimtoola Dawood Miya vs Gurmibhai Hamid—Edgelow G and W.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice ASTON.

To speak to the minutes of the decree.

53-02—B Raghowjee—Ramchundas Babajee and others vs Narayen Gorrud Ranade and others—Hiralal D.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Short Causes.

450-02—Framjee and D—Bapujee S Framjee vs Kaisorbai and others.
586-02—Mansuklal D and J—Agarchund Poonamchund and others vs Premraj Goolabchnd and others.
567-02—Tyabjee D and Co—Waghjee Becher and others vs Nathuram Gungaram and others—Dikshit and D.
83-02—Tyabjee D and Co—Karmdan Chotumul vs Lukhmichund Goolabchund.
547-02—Payne G S and M—Jethmul Ramanund and others vs Rudherpursad Juggonnath and another—Tyabjee D and Co.
472-02—Edgelow G and W—Currondas Premjee and others vs Currondas Nuthoo Wadia and G.
489-02—Muljee B B—Manshunker Vujeshunker vs Hirjee Premjee and others.
640-02—Smetham B and N—Bai Chaturbai widow vs Manmohan Purshotum and others—Tyabjee D and Co.
645-02—Edgelow G W—Bhagwandas Bhawanbhoy vs Marwari Shribhan Gopinath—Tyabjee D and Co.
658-02—Laphtary and F—Makar Haridas Naranjee vs Noorbhai Kamaljee—K B Mehta.
689-02—Wadia and G—Hormusjee Aderjee Kanga vs The Bombay Tramway Co Ld—Smetham B and N.
808-02—Ardeshir H D and Co—Bai Meharbai widow vs Balkrishna Y N Kirtiker—Y N Kirtiker.
613-02—Edgelow G and Wadia—Mooljeebhai Fakirbhai and others vs Norman Wright Kemp and others—Tyabjee D and Co.
617-02—Mulla and M—Kika Khooshal and another vs Maneckchand Girdhar and others—Molvi H and M.
619-03—Hiralal and—Kanjee Naran vs Madhavram Mathuradas—Tyabjee D and Co.

Undefended New Long Cause.

504-02—Smetham B and N—Norman Wright Kemp vs The Alliance Bank of Simla Ld.

For Investigation of Pauperism.

40-02—In person—Moses Abraham Saukar vs Retekabai widow—J P Dastur.
41-02—In person—Fatmabai widow and others vs N W Kemp and others.
42-02—In person—Scobhan Hajim vs Jadoo Hajim.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS.

Bombay, 6th December 1902.

1. The Squadron will parade near the General Telegraph Office, on Monday next, the 8th instant, at 7 a.m. Dress:—Uniform-blue.
2. The Delhi contingent will parade at the same time. Dress.—As already ordered.

By Order,
T. W. CUFFE, Capt.,
Commanding B. L. H.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT-COLONEL L. P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 6th December 1902.

1. The Corps will parade at the Corps Club, Apollo Bunder this afternoon, at 4 p.m. sharp and proceed by launch to Middle Ground, Fort, for drill at the 6-in B L Guns. Dress:—Drill order without arms, puttees to be worn.

By Order,
G. STODDART, Capt., R. A.,
Adjutant, B. V. A.

NOTICE.

The conversazione, notified to-be held on Thursday last and yesterday's orders, is postponed to the 19th inst. on account of other entertainments being held on the 12th instant.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. E. F. NICHOLSON, A. D. C., COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, 5th December 1902.

1. A Guard of Honor consisting of H.Q Rank and File under Major D J Sharp, with Lieutenants P H Hewett and A R Sharp will parade behind the Town Hall, at 3-30 p.m on Thursday the 11th instant for the purpose of receiving his Excellency the Governor: 12th Levee. Dress:—Review Order Khaki.
2. The following Members having joined not known the strength of the Corps from the date and posted to E Company (Cyclist):—No 5459 Cyclist M Duncan, No 5460 Cyclist H Ryan and No 5461 Cyclist A K Nash.
3. No 5115 Vet C Fitzgerald is transferred from C to E Company (Cyclist) from this date.
4. F and G Companies will parade on Monday next the 8th instant at St Mary's College Grounds at 8-15 p.m. Dress:—Drill Order. Helm Clothes.
5. The above Company parades will count as Commanding Officer's parade.

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Major,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

HOME REMITTANCES.

THE following is the weekly memorandum of Remittances to the Home Treasury by means of Council Bills :—

	£
1 Amount to be remitted during 1902-03.....	16,500,000
2 Remitted from 1st April 1902 to 29th November 1902—	
By Council Bills	9,238,725
By Gold	500,273
3=1-2 Balance to be remitted from 30th Nov, 1902, to 31st March 1903.....	6,761,002

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1902.

THE INDIAN MARINE SURVEY.

VERY few people outside the ranks of those who go down to the sea in ships and do business upon the great waters know anything of the operations of the Indian Marine Survey. Its origin may be traced back to the days of Davis and Baffin. Indeed, it is possible to go even further back, for Drake, in the course of his famous voyage of circumnavigation, cruised for some little time in the eastern approaches to Indian waters, when, as if anticipating the modern idea of a marine surveyor, he unconsciously made a noteworthy contribution to Zoology by discovering and pointing out the economic value of the great Robber-crab. Drake, Davis, and Baffin were then the pioneers of the Indian Marine Survey such as exists to-day. But as we have said, there are comparatively few people in India who know what the Indian Marine Survey is or what it undertakes to do. Dr. Alcock, I. M. S., who was for four years Surgeon-Naturalist to the Survey, essays to tell us all about it in a portly volume: "A Naturalist in Indian Seas" (Murray). The Marine Survey of India began its existence under Commander Dundas Taylor in 1874. But it was not until some twenty years later that Dr. Alcock was associated with it, when he shipped on board the Survey-steamer Investigator which still has her monsoon quarters in Bombay. To the question "What does a survey-ship do?" he answers: Her principal business is to make chart and sailing directions for mariners. The mariner not only wants to know the shortest and securest routes from port to port and how to make a safe approach to land, but he also requires to be informed of any local peculiarities of current and tide, and moreover, if he be new to a country, he wants to know something of what its harbours and roadsteads promise him in the way of shelter and supplies. All this information it is the business of surveyships to furnish him with up-to-date. How this is obtained Dr. Alcock relates in detail. While the ship is taking soundings in deep water, boat's crews set out to make land marks, to explore shallow waters, or measure the tides. The coast-lining party makes for land, and if on the Coromandel Coast they are likely to have a pleasant pull of three or four miles in nice, choppy, muddy water before they reach it. If they are among the Laccadives or Andamans, they will probably have to "choose their mode of landing between jumping into the surf or being chucked out in disorder by a playful octave wave." Each to his work and about sunset they will have to fight their boat through the surf again, and at nightfall they may pick up the ship as the rendezvous in time for a tub before dinner. But the surveyship or its naturalist also makes acquaintance with every kind of life at the bottom of the sea. Information of every description is gathered. There is endless labour in connection with survey operations, considerable danger not unmixed with occasional hardships. But the survey ship is the most popular in the Marine. It is a recommendation to have served on her.

Only one part of the work is so intensely scientific as to be uninteresting to the general reader. To the student of Marine Geology or Zoology it is of great value. We commend the book to both classes of readers. The world beneath the seas and the denizens of the deep are full of interest, and Dr. Alcock tells us of them in a style so light and readable that it is a pleasure to follow him on his travels and make the acquaintance with the "jaberwocky" animals to which he introduces us. First, however, he has something to say of his shipmates—Captain Carpenter, Lieutenants Helby, Smyth, Beaumont, Warden Beauchamp, Mathias, and Huddleston, and Engineers Fuller and Lamb; then he plunges down alongside a living coral reef and shows us visions of fairy groves and glades, lit by a strange ethereal light, half moon, half sun, where among Christmas trees of purple and blue and golden green, fishes painted like butterflies flitted and hovered. Yet along that remarkable piece of coast they met with melancholy evidence of the need for a survey in the shape of six fine sailing-ships lying broken on the shore, four of them having been wrecked in a space of two years. From a zoological point of view Dr. Alcock considers a three months' stay on the Orissa coast as one of the most eventful periods of his life. He has much to tell us of the happy bond of commensalism or Platonic union which he regards as one of the most valuable object lessons for man's edification that Marine Zoology affords. When two animals of different grades in the zoological scale live together in such a fashion that each one assists the other in some definite way, while doing it no manner of harm they are called commensals or messmates. This Dr. Alcock explains by quoting the case of the hermit-crab and the sea-anemone. The former being by nature a very ill-clad and vulnerable animal acquires by the partnership a thick and easily adjustable great coat, while the sea-anemone being by nature a hopeless lump of an animal, dependent on chance currents for its food and oxygen, acquires an engine and an intelligent engine-driver all in one which are always carrying it in the way of the necessaries of life; and yet with this mutual assistance there goes absolute independence in all other respects, "such as mistresses and servants, who would both be none the worse for a little knowledge of the principles of Zoology, never dreamt of." The Orissa coast, it seems, is famous for crustacea of all kinds—among them a swimming crab which when angered or alarmed, can, by rubbing its nippers against the edge of its carapace, make a noise something like the chirp of a cricket; a buckler-crab which at first sight might have been passed aside as part of the shell of a dead bi-valve; a mole-crab of gregarious, burrowing habits, and a bat lobster. Then the fishes of the Orissa coast furnished Dr. Alcock with food for reflection. In some of the varieties the males are decidedly more brilliant in colour than the females, a fact which he accepts as the gradual result through a long series of generations of the females of certain species deliberately choosing for mates the handsomest males—"just as certain classes of civilised women are said to choose the richest men for husbands."

One of Dr. Alcock's most interesting chapters is that which treats of a two months' cruise in the Laccadive sea. Deoghur was the point at which operations began—the one-time head-quarters of Mabratta piracy. For such nefarious practices as were carried on it is most villainously adapted, says the writer. Being a land-locked harbour opening on to a rocky coast by an almost hidden passage, impassable at low-water to any but light craft, it affords at once an ideal ambush and an ideal retreat. On the southern side of the harbour, over-looking the sea and commanding the entrance, is a fort, said to have been built at the beginning of the eighteenth century by pirates of the Mabratta clan of Angrias. Though now a ruin, its broad ramparts of hewn laterite are still in good enough preservation to give some idea of its former strength and to make one wonder what sort of answer Melpomene would give if certain thrilling questions of its past history could be put to her; for in by-gone days, many a portly argosy of Europe veiled her high top to the Angrias pirates, and the fate of many a white captive must have been decided in their inhospitable forts. The waters beyond teem with wonderful life, and, writes Dr. Alcock, if we could make a Brobdingnagian picture of the basin we should first of all be struck by the abundance of rare corals. We should see large solitary species growing like flowers of the field, while the branching species would form thickets in whose grottoes crustaceans of many kinds would be observed lurking. In some places the bottom would be carpeted with a mosaic of star-fishes of beautiful red and orange hues; in other places multitudes of the red-like tubes of the sea-worm "hyalinœcia" would show like fields of stubble, while in other places we should find beds of strange bivalves like the oyster-beds and mussel-beds of shallow water, and through the dead still waters above shoals of curious fishes and prawns would be seen cautiously feeling their way. Dr. Alcock has not only the eye to observe but the pen to describe all that passes before him, and the result is a really delightful volume—affording excellent reading as well as being replete with information in a palatable form.

THE THANA MISTLETOE.

It appears not to be generally known that in and around Thana and the Vehar and Tulsi Lakes and round about Bassein a species of mistletoe exists that is not unlike the well-known European species—viscum albanum. The species found in Thana is viscum articulatum. Mention is made of the circumstance, for it seems that use might be made of this mistletoe in the Christmas and New Year rejoicings in Bombay, and in thus utilizing the parasite we are led to understand that some occupation would be found for the poor wild tribes of the Thana District, who would be glad to collect the parasite for a small consideration." Assistance, at the same time, would be afforded to the Forest Department, who, no doubt, are anxious to rid the trees of the mistletoe parasites. As is well known, the mistletoe in the southern and midland counties of England grows on the branches of such trees as the sycamore, lime, poplar, and elm; but rarely is it found on the oak. In the Thana District it is found chiefly on the black-wood and khair (acacia catechu) trees. During the months of December and January the small berries ripen, and a little bird known as the Dicæum Erythrohyncus feeds on them, and places the seeds undigested on the branches of other trees. If such branches happen to be tender enough, the seeds quickly germinate, and here the parasites establish themselves. In the first year the seed throws out a small rootlet which pierces the bark and enters the wood. There is no further growth that year. But next season the growth of new wood on the host encloses the rootlet. In the second year the rootlet gives off lateral branches which grow longitudinally between the wood and the outer rind and give off other rootlets. From these spreading roots fresh stems may arise, so that on a tree favourable to the parasite the branches, as may be gathered, soon get covered with it. In the northern counties of England and in Scotland the mistletoe in a wild state is said not to be seen. In gardens, however, it is grown by inoculation, very successfully, by merely bursting the berry and rubbing it on the spot chosen. The successful artificial propagation of the mistletoe in this manner might well throw doubt on what has been said above, that the seed is voided by birds and thus propagated, but one of the Thana Forest Officers who has investigated the subject of the spread of the loranthus parasites in the Konkan has, in a paper in the "Indian Forester," definitely settled this interesting point. It is true his observations appear to have been limited to the spread of the loranthus longiflorus parasite which belongs to the same family as the mistletoe, but the propagation of both parasites will be found probably, if investigated, due to one and the same cause. The loranthus longiflorus is a parasite which grows almost exactly like the mistletoe, and it is abundant on teak and mango trees, not only in and around Thana but round about Bombay, and on Pali Hill, Bandora, and in the Sewree Cemetery. The bird which spreads this parasite is Tickel's Flower-Pecker called Dicæum Erythrohyncus which is common in many parts of the Deccan and in Belgaum. Jerdon states that it occurs along the Sahyadri Range as far north as Mahableshwar, and has been procured at Ratnagiri, "but that it has not been recorded from any other part of our limits." In Thana, and in and around Bombay and Bandra, the bird is very common, as is also the Arachnecthra Asiatica, the purple honey-sucker—a beautiful little bird which helps to fertilize the flowers of the various species of loranthus. This bird places its long bill into the tubular flowers of the loranthus to obtain the nectar from them, and in doing so rubs off the pollen on to its bill, and accidentally places it (the pollen) on to the female flowers of the next blossom, the nectar from which it seeks. In this way are the flowers fertilized. In England the white seeds of the mistletoe are eaten chiefly by thrushes. In Australia the mistletoes are loranths and the bird which distributes the seed is the Swallow Dicæum. The object in drawing attention to the presence of the mistletoe in Thana is, as already remarked, that its existence so near at hand is probably not known by the majority of people in Bombay, and from the fact that it has been known from time immemorial as the "kissing bush," it is probable that some of the younger members of the Natural History Society might be glad to obtain branches of it at the ensuing Christmas and New Year gatherings. Not a very large quantity of the mistletoe, it is true, can be obtained, but it is believed that a sufficient amount would probably be available for the few households in Bombay that might require it by the payment, say of a rupee or rupee and a half a bush. If there is a good demand, the Superintendent of the Victoria Gardens might then initiate the artificial cultivation of the plant on some of the trees in the Victoria Gardens.

FEEDER RAILWAYS IN INDIA.

SOME interesting information has been supplied recently as to the working of the few feeder railways at present in existence in India, and it is especially interesting in view of the new scheme of the Madras Railway. Under the Railway policy of Lord Elgin's Government a certain amount of stimulus was given to the construction of feeder railways in this country. The terms on which Government offered financial assistance to feeder line companies were, firstly, a guarantee from the revenue of India of a 5x61 yearly minimum dividend in rupees on the actual capital expenditure, the limit of the guarantee being a maximum of three per cent.; and, secondly, a payment to the branch company by the parent line, sufficient, together with the branch company's share of branch earnings, to give the latter a dividend of 3½ per cent. per annum on the capital expenditure of the branch, subject to the condition that the payment of the branch company shall in no case exceed the net earning to the main line from traffic interchanged with the branch. Up to the present only one railway, the Brahmaputra-Sultanpur branch of the Eastern Bengal State Railway, has been constructed, with a view to working under the first of these conditions, and four lines are in existence, and are controlled under the second system. These are the South Behar, the Mymensingh-Jamalpur, Jagannathganj, the Tapti Valley, and the Ahmedabad-Parantej. It will be readily seen that Government is precluded by existing contracts with guaranteed and private companies' lines from insisting on similar favourable terms being given to feeder lines by the companies, but the example it has set should have a good effect. The Brahmaputra-Sultanpur line which works under the three per cent guarantee of the State during 1901 realised net earnings amounting to 3·83 per cent. In the case of the Mymensingh branch the whole of the net earnings from the branch have been pledged towards making up 3½ per cent., but in 1901 the earnings of the branch amounted to 4·43. In respect of the other lines the percentage of earnings pledged from interchanged traffic varies. On the South Behar Branch, which is allowed 30 per cent. of the gross earnings from interchanged traffic by the East Indian Railway, the percentage of the income was 3·53 per cent. The Tapti Valley is only allowed 10 per cent. of the income from interchanged traffic, realised only 2·9 per cent, but the Ahmedabad-Prantej branch which works under the same conditions realised 5·10. These facts to some extent show how far successful may be the new scheme of the Madras Railway Company. It is not at all surprising to find that an existing company wishes to do the best it can for itself when the question of a feeder line arises, but the Madras Railway Company appears to be acting in a very generous spirit. It is prepared to give a rebate from its gross earnings from additional traffic interchanged between its own line and any new feeders towards making up their net earnings to a four per cent return on the capital outlay, subject to a limit of a maximum rebate of 25 per cent. of the gross earnings from such traffic—the parent line retaining 20 per cent. of the surplus earnings, if any, over a 2 per cent. return on the capital. The great need for feeder lines all over India has made the question one of extreme importance, and it is pleasing to note the go-ahead policy now promulgated in Madras. It is to be hoped that before long in other parts of India advantage will be taken of the concessions held out to feeder line companies.

THE ADAMS-WYLLIE HOSPITAL.

IN a letter in another column Mr. G. Lund makes an appeal on behalf of the hospital which was recently built through the munificence of Mrs. Adams-Wyllie in the middle of the native town. It is, as Mr. Lund says, a hospital which fills one of the most urgent wants of the city, but it requires an endowment fund to maintain its usefulness. With that object in view a strong local committee has been formed and subscriptions are now invited.

LORD KITCHENER arrived at Delhi on Tuesday evening from Bhurtpur, where he left the Viceregal party, who drove over during the same afternoon to Dig.

THE Hon'ble Mr. J. Monteath, C. S. I., member of the Executive Council of the Governor of Bombay, is expected to arrive in Bombay from Poona at 10-35 a.m. on the 8th instant. A salute of 15 guns will be fired from the Saluting Battery to announce his arrival.

THE Afridis who were induced some time ago to enlist in the Afghan Army are now deserting freely. They do not apparently feel certain that their pay will be at all regular.

THE Managing Director of the Muir Mills Co., Ld., Cawnpore, has invited the public who are interested in the improvement of the growth of cotton in this country to inspect his fields, where the crop has already begun to be gathered. The plant looks most healthy, and bears at the same time, flower, green juicy pods, and balls burst open with ripeness, showing the snowy cotton bulging out. These fields, which cover several acres, have been planted with a hybrid seed produced from a mixture of American and Egyptian seed, obtained by the Department of Agriculture and Land Records, after 10 years of cultivation.

Special rates are being quoted by the undermentioned railways for the carriage of horses, ponies, and vehicles on the occasion of the Coronation Durbar at Delhi. Particulars can be obtained from the Traffic Managers or from the Special Railway Officer Delhi:—North-Western Railway, Morvi Railway, Great Indian Peninsula Railway, Madras Railway, Southern Mahratta Railway, Jodhpur State Railway, Dibru-Sadiya Railway, Tirupur-Palipara Railway, Bengal Provincial (Tarakeshwar-Magra) Railway, Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway, Bengal-Nagpur Railway, Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway, Rajputana-Malwa Railway, Rohilkhand and Kumaon Railway, East India Railway, Bhavnagar-Gondal-Junagarh Railway, Udaipur-Chitorgarh Railway, Assam-Bengal Railway, Bengal and North-Western Railway, South Indian Railway, and the Burma Railway.

THE "Edinburgh Evening Despatch" adds the following to the sayings of children: "And will it be very painful, mamma?" asked the little girl about to have a tooth out. "Oh, no! You will have chloroform and feel no pain." "That will be nice. Does everybody get chloroform to have a tooth out?" "A great many, and certainly everybody who has to undergo a painful operation." After a thoughtful pause, "Mamma, did Adam have chloroform when his rib was taken out?" Here is another: Auntie brought her little niece, Helen, aged two years five months, to the British Museum, and with a vague notion of impressing her with the glories of Grecian art stood her before the Venus of Milo. The child looked very serious, and then remarked: "Poo' lady, dropped ping-a-nings." The last phrase is, I believe, baby Volopuck for the knickers.

THE Beef Trust's plans for the erection of headquarters of its business in Chicago have been published. One million pounds will be expended on an enormous skyscraper, which will be more palatial than any of the fine office buildings for which Chicago is famous, and will cover a whole square in the business centre of the city.

COLONEL MCCALMONT, M.P., should be a happy man. His new steam turbine driven yacht, the Tarantula, has just made the astonishing speed of 26.745 knots an hour, on the Thames. On this occasion she was loaded to a displacement of 150 tons. The Tarantula is the first yacht ever fitted with the Parsons marine steam turbine. Two more are now under construction, the Emerald, for Sir Christopher Furness, M.P., and the Lorena for Mr. A. L. Barber, of New York. The Tarantula looks exactly like a first-class modern torpedo boat, and indeed did she carry armament she might well pass as one. It is difficult to understand what a yachtsman wants with a 26-knot pleasure yacht.

A NOTABLE feature in the year's work in criminal investigation in London as shown by the report of Sir E. Bradford, is the results achieved by the finger print system which, on the recommendation of the committee presided over by Lord Belper, was adopted during the second half of 1901. Gradually the anthropometric system, which has been rendered as perfect as possible in France, is being dispensed with, and it is anticipated that the number of identifications by the new system this year will be three times larger than the highest figures hitherto secured by anthropometry. It is worthy of note that, under the finger-print method of identification a it has been found possible to dispense with the attendance of officers at prison identification parades.

Two amusing sayings by a boy are cited by a "Grandmother" in the "Spectator":—A little grandson of mine living in Cape Town, when about three years old was taken to church, and the bishop—now the Archbishop—was preaching. Growing tired, he said out aloud:—"Mother, I wishes Bishop would go back to Heaven; I wants to go home." Meeting his lordship some time afterwards, I told him this story, adding that I thought the child had paid him a very delicate compliment. The same boy had a little garden of his own, which was much ravaged by neighbouring cats, large and fierce, of which Phil stood in great fear. So one night he added this

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE SOMALILAND EXPEDITION.

SELECTION OF A LANDING PLACE.

SICKNESS AMONG THE LEVIES.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR COL. COBBE.

LONDON, DECEMBER 4.

A Reuter despatch from Berbera, dated 3rd December, states that the British warship Pomone has arrived there, having finished the survey of the coast of the Italian protectorate, with a view to the selection of a port at which to land troops. Illig is unsuitable and Obba has been selected and becomes the base of the main operating column.

A sick convoy of Somali levies has arrived at Berbera.

A corps of mounted infantry has been formed, consisting of 150 Punjabis and 150 Somalis, picked from disbanded levies, with Major Kenna in command.

LONDON, DECEMBER 5.

A Reuter despatch from Berbera states that the Second African Rifles are leaving Berbera to reinforce Colonel Cobbe at Garrero. The First African Rifles go to Offia.

THE SUGAR CONVENTION.

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

THE QUESTION OF COUNTERVAILING DUTIES.

LONDON, DECEMBER 4.

Lord Cranborne, speaking in the House, said Great Britain will inform Russia that she does not agree that the question of countervailing duties is a proper one for submission to arbitration.

LONDON, DECEMBER 5.

Lord Cranborne, speaking in the House of Commons, said that the British interpretation of the convention regarding countervailing duties on colonial sugar had been questioned in other quarters besides Holland.

Correspondence on the subject is proceeding.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain said that the only colony granting bounties was Ontario. These will cease at the end of 1903.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S TOUR.

ARRIVAL AT CAIRO.

LONDON, DECEMBER 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain have arrived at Cairo.

LONDON, DECEMBER 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain are the guests of Lord and Lady Cromer.

They rejoin the "Good Hope" at Suez on Sunday.

Lord and Lady Cromer, Sir Francis and Lady Wingate, and the representative of the Khedive met them at the station.

GREEK POLITICS.

LONDON, DECEMBER 4.

M. Delyannis has accepted the invitation to form a Cabinet.

THE STUDDERT REMOUNT CASE.

GRAND JURY THROW OUT THE BILLS.

In the Studdert Remount case the Grand Jury at the Munster Assizes threw out the Bills. The Foreman explained that as the Crown declined to produce Colonel St. Quentin, they could only ignore the Bills.

(Major Studdert, along with Thomas Studdert, John A. Studdert, P. J. Howard (Veterinary Surgeon), and Patrick Collins were charged at Ennis on September 25th with conspiracy to defraud the Government in connection with the purchase of remounts for the Imperial Yeomanry. Major Studdert deposed that in the whole of the business from beginning to end he never did anything wrong, or that any man need be ashamed of. The horses were wanted in a hurry, and he knew that a number of them could be procured in the county of Clare; and he suggested that his sons who knew the country and had had plenty of experience of horses might be allowed to purchase them. He was firmly under the impression that he had gained the permission necessary to allow of his sons undertaking this work; and it was nonsense to suppose that if his sons could buy the sort of horses that were required that they were not to have the same profit as other dealers. He thought every one must be amazed who knew the prices paid by his sons how small the profits must have been to them, when the expense of getting the horses were taken into account. Though he was sure his sons did their best in getting the right stamps of horses, he rejected a number that he would otherwise have had if they had not been his sons. The prosecution was a ridiculous one.

Counsel for Major Studdert's sons desired to say a word by way of defence. Howard said he had discharged his duty professionally to the best of his ability. He did not know of any conspiracy to defraud the Government, and intention to defraud the Government, and believed that no such conspiracy existed.

Mr. Moryarty, the solicitor to the defendants, pointed out that former evidence had shown that the defendant's sons were to receive £30 for each horse, and that they were to be treated in exactly the same way as any other dealers. Mr. Balfe, a Crown witness, had stated that a better lot of horses could not have been procured at any price.

Mr. Murphy, who replied for the Crown, said as an agent Major Studdert was bound to make full disclosures to his principals of all matters likely to influence him in his business. If then he had a desire that his sons should require profit in these transactions why did he not make the proposition in such a way that it would come to the knowledge of his employers? There was gross misrepresentation as to the persons from whom the horses were purchased, and misrepresentation also with regard to the ages of the horses passed.

Mr. Harpe, in committing the defendants, said it was a satisfaction to him to know the fact it was not for him to decide as to their guilt or innocence.]

THE CHINA MEDAL.

Lord George Hamilton, in reply to a question, said that it has been decided to grant only two clasps for the China war, one for Taku and the other for the relief of Peking.

THE GERMAN TARIFF BILL.

PANDEMONIUM IN THE REICHSTAG.

The continued obstruction by the Socialists, chiefly in raising points of order, prevents the discussion on the Tariff Bill.

The Reichstag was a perfect pandemonium to-day the Socialists shouting indiscriminately, rendering it impossible for the speakers to obtain a hearing.

A Socialist named Singer has been suspended.

BRITAIN AND VENEZUELA.

ANOTHER WARSHIP DESPATCHED.

The Warship Indefatigable at Trinidad has been urgently ordered to Venezuela.

LONDON, DECEMBER 5.

The "Indefatigable" has arrived at La Guaira.

THE NOBEL PRIZE.

RECOGNITION OF MAJOR ROSS'S WORK.

LONDON, DECEMBER 4.

Major Ronald Ross has started for Stockholm in order, it is understood, to receive the Nobel Prize for work in connection with malaria.

THE MAILS.

The Bombay Mails of the 2nd ultimo arrived at Brindisi to-day.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PUNITIVE EXPEDITION IN NIGERIA.

MEASURES AGAINST THE EMIR OF KARO.

LONDON, DECEMBER 5.

It has been decided to send an expedition consisting of from four to six hundred West African troops against Karo in Nigeria. The Emir has large forces, and is making extensive preparations.

[This expedition appears to be the answer to the recent murder of Captain Moloney, the Resident, Captain Moloney had sent another officer to summon the Emir, who had been guilty of misconduct, to meet him. The Emir was, however, insolent to the officer, who returned to the Resident's Camp. In the meantime Captain Moloney proceeded to the Emir's place and did not encounter his messenger who returned by another route. The Emir was more insolent and abusive to the Resident than he had been to the Lieutenant and suddenly attacked Captain Moloney who was pulled from his horse and hacked to pieces.]

THE ADEN BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 5.

Colonel Wahab, Captain Tandy, and other members of the Aden Boundary Commission have now resumed work, and they expect to complete the demarcation before next spring.

LAUNCHES IN COLLISION.

The Port Officer of Calcutta is holding a preliminary inquiry into the collision between the launches Baba and Browning.

DR. JOHN POLLEN.

The Commissioner of Customs, Salt, Opium, and Abkari, Bombay, arrived at Calcutta at eight o'clock this morning. He left Bombay on Wednesday.

THE METEOROLOGICAL REPORTER.

Mr. Eliot, the Meteorological Reporter, is due back from leave this week. His appointment terminates in the ordinary course this winter, but it is understood that he is likely to have an extension for another season.

QUARTERS FOR INDIAN MARINE OFFICERS.

The construction at a cost of Rs. 48,000 has been sanctioned of a block of two sets of quarters in the Bombay Dockyard, to be taken in hand when funds are available, for the use of Indian Marine Officers.

GERMAN OFFICER'S VISIT.

TO STUDY HORSE BREEDING.

Baron von Seidenetz, Lieutenant in the Twentieth Duke of Badens Dragoons, arrives in India early this month to study horse breeding. He will visit Madras, Bombay, and Calcutta.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.

Land Surveys:—Major Fleming receives permanent promotion vice Mr. Spring, deceased, and Captain Burn, officiating promotion vice Colonel Longe on leave.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Major-General Shone, Director-General of Military Works, has been granted eight months' leave.

Colonel Mansfield, of the Supply and Transport Corps, has been granted one year's leave.

Indian Staff Corps.—Majors Yeilding, Lowry, and Bond to be Lieutenant-Colonels and Lieutenant Haworth to be Captain.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Assistant Engineer B. Brebner has been allowed two months' extension of leave at home.

BOUNTY IN THE ARMY.

It is notified that the Secretary of State has sanctioned a gratuity of five pounds sterling on discharge or on promotion to a commission to all European soldiers holding long service medal, discharged subsequent to the 26th of October, 1900.

THE INDIAN COINS.

TO BEAR THE KING'S EFFIGY.

It is notified that from the 1st proximo all silver and copper coins minted in India will bear the likeness of King Edward.

THE SERVICES.

The confirmation of Mr. Miller's appointment as Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agriculture Department, is gazetted.

Rev. M. M. Davies is gazetted chaplain for Pachmarhi, in the Central Provinces.

DEATH OF LIEUTENANT FINUCANE.

Lieutenant T. Finucane, B. A. M. C., died at Peshawar yesterday of enteric fever.

THE LATE SIR JOHN WOODBURN.

His Excellency the Viceroy presides at a public meeting called by the Sheriff for Friday next to raise a fund for a memorial to the late Sir John Woodburn.

CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED MURDER AGAINST A EUROPEAN.

ACCUSED RELEASED ON BAIL.

A trial has commenced at the Magistrate's Court, Howrah, of G. W. Dale, a European engineer, in the employment of Messrs. John King and Company, for attempted murder of his wife, a European woman, who was at one time barmaid in Calcutta. The wife's evidence was to the effect that after a quarrel with her husband he cut her throat with a razor, but he endeavoured subsequently to staunch the blood and conducted the injured woman to the hospital, where she has recovered. Accused was released on bail.

THE POONA HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

POONA, DECEMBER 5.

The semi-final of the Poona Hockey Tournament between the Shropshires and the Warwicks was played this evening, and ended in a draw, neither side being able to score. The Shropshires on the whole had the best of matters, but even an extension of time did not bring about any more definite result.

The Young Men's Christian Association and the Royal Scots will play to-morrow, the objection being disallowed.

THE TILAK CASE.

The Tilak case was resumed to-day when Tai Maharaj was put through a further searching cross-examination on the subject of the adoption at Aurangabad.

The petition of Tilak in regard to the administration of Bala Maharaj's estate was heard by Mr. Beaman to-day, who passed an order to the effect that the High Court order has annulled the temporary appointment of Nagpurkar, and nothing legal remained to be done, the former executors (Tilak and two others) resuming the executorship. No application was necessary and proceedings were superfluous. Nagpurkar is ordered to hand over the estate and to lodge an account in court of his stewardship.

NEWS IN ADVANCE OF THE MAIL.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S TOUR.

ENTHUSIASTIC SEND-OFF.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S SPEECH.

COLOMBO, DECEMBER 4.

Telegrams to the Australian papers dated November 25th state:—The City of Birmingham and Mr. Chamberlain's constituency bade the Colonial Secretary and his wife farewell prior to their departure for South Africa.

In responding to the sentiment of Godspeed to Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain, which was given amid a scene of the wildest enthusiasm, Mr. Chamberlain made an interesting speech, testifying to the sympathy and help his devoted wife constantly gave him in his political career, and the gratification he felt she was accompanying him on his South African trip.

He said it was a national, not a party, engagement, and he desired to represent not merely Conservatives and Liberal Unionists, but all the politicians who lived in the Empire.

Great Britain's duty was to unite the races of South Africa in heart and name, and to promote loyalty to the Throne and a common desire for the welfare of the whole people. The Motherland should deal generously and wisely with the people who assisted her during the late war, and do its utmost to efface the remembrances of suffering and bitterness, and reconcile its late enemies to their future lot.

The task was great, but greater differences than those had existed between Britons and the Dutch, that had been healed in the past, and the work of reconciliation was not impossible of performance.

Englishmen would accomplish it, and, he hoped, also gain the friendship of the Boers; and he was bold enough to predict that the reform racial antagonism would vanish and prosperity and contentment would be realised to a degree that would make South Africa unexampled among the countries of the world.

Hundreds of Blue-jackets, Artillery and Yeomanry and four thousand torch bearers escorted Mr. Chamberlain home, the entire route being lined with a cheering multitude.

THE SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

GRIEVANCES OF LOYALISTS.

HELP FOR THE DESTITUTE.

Several newspaper correspondents, writing from Capetown, declare that the Cape Loyalists complain bitterly that the Compensations Committees in many localities are composed of Boers or pro-Boers. They are further aggrieved that the Treason Courts merely disfranchise the rebels and do not compel them to restore Loyalists' property. Many Loyalist farmers are almost destitute.

A powerful committee in London has appealed to the public of Great Britain for money to purchase new clothes and bedding on behalf of the destitute Loyalists in South Africa. The appeal states that the Loyalists at best are compensated only 50 per cent. for war losses, and it further alleges that they have been treated with the cold shoulder at the Cape by Government, while in country districts they are in a distinctly inferior position owing to their attachment to the Empire.

TRANSVAAL WAR TAX.

SIR P. FITZGERALD'S VIEWS.

Sir Percy Fitzgerald, author of "Transvaal from Within," has contributed an article to the "Times" on the subject of taxation in the Transvaal. He recommends a very small direct war tax and the application of the proceeds to the purchase and development of railways irrigation and well-sinking in order to attract settlers and bring about contentment and racial reconciliation.

He contends that ultimately Great Britain if the suggestion is adopted would recover a quarter part of the cost of the war from the revenue derived from public works and the sale of lands. Such a policy would also effect the opening up of South Africa as a great field of colonization.

IRISH PARTY AND THE GOVERNMENT.

IS THERE A "DEAL"?

The "Times" correspondent at Dublin states that an uneasy impression has been created in Unionist circles that some sort of deal has taken place between the Government and the Irish Nationalist. The suspicions are probably due to the cessation of Parliamentary obstruction and the appointment of Sir A. Macdonnell as Secretary for Ireland, a feeling strengthened by William O'Brien's statement that the Nationalists Party will secure to the hands of Government advantages placing a great settlement of the land question beyond danger.

BULGARIANS IN MACEDONIA.

ELENDISH OUTRAGE.

A party of Bulgarians has been guilty of a terrible outrage at Monastir, Macedonia. They fired the house of a man, whom they suspected of giving information to the Turkish authorities regarding the movements of certain revolutionary bands. Having burned the man's house, they roasted his mother and son, and wounded his wife.

THE ARREST OF KEIR HARDIE.

TAKEN FOR AN ANARCHIST.

In connection with the recent attempt on the life of King Leopold, Mr. Kier Hardie, the well-known Labour Member of the House of Commons, was arrested in Brussels, despite his offer to prove his identity, and was conveyed to the police station, where on satisfying the authorities he was released. Mr. Hardie will lodge a protest against this treatment on his return to London.

THE CORONATION DURBAR.

THE ALLOCATION OF SEATS.

The following official statement has been forwarded to us:—

The Secretary, Political Department, hopes to be able to send within the next few days to every gentleman who has applied to him for a seat in the Delhi Darbar Amphitheatre an intimation whether the Delhi authorities have been able to allot a seat or not. It has only been possible to obtain at present 400 spectators' seats over and above the 300 allotted for the official representation of the Presidency. Tickets admitting to the Darbar the personal guests of his Excellency the Governor, Ruling Chiefs and their immediate following, and Native Gentlemen summoned to represent the Presidency at the Darbar, will eventually be distributed at Delhi under arrangements in the personal charge of the Secretary, Political Department. It is of importance to all the above that they should give the Secretary clearly their address at Delhi if they have not already done so. All other applicants to whom seats have been allotted in the Darbar Amphitheatre will obtain their tickets from "The Officer in charge, Bombay Provincial Camp Enquiry Office, Delhi." This office will be in working order by December 15th and tickets will be given in return for and to the extent of the letters of intimation which are about to issue under the Secretary's signature.

It is possible that, as the relative claims of the rest of India can be more correctly appreciated more seats may be allotted to the Bombay Presidency. Also it may happen that some of those who have obtained seats may not now be able to go. It is therefore worthwhile for gentlemen who have not so far obtained seats, but who still mean to go to Delhi, to ascertain there, about the end of the month if there are any seats still available. The tickets are of course not transferable. The Secretary at present proposes that any spectator's seat alloted but not claimed by the evening of December 30th should be held to be free for allotment to other applicants on December 31st.

Enquiry for tickets of all other kinds by all gentlemen going to Delhi from this Presidency should be made to the Officer indicated above in Delhi. His office will work in direct communication with the Special Officer appointed by the Government of India for the purpose and will have whatever information on the subject may be available. Nothing as to such matters can be arranged in Bombay and no certain information is available here. The work is now being concentrated at Delhi. It is too late now to apply for seats in the Darbar Amphitheatre to the Secretary, Political Department, Bombay.

BOMBAY GOLF CLUB.

"FORTY-TWA" MEDAL COMPETITION.

The third of the qualifying competitions for the above medal was played off on Thursday, by handicap Bogey play, on the alternative nine-hole course B. The Bogey score was fixed at 40. There were 25 entries.

The result was a popular win for Mr. W. M. Anderson, who received two strokes. His score was 1 up on Bogey. Mr. Aitken came second, with an excellent 39, all square with Bogey.

The following are the best returns:—

Names.	Handicap.	Result.
W M Anderson	—1	1 hole up, winner
Rebt. Aiken	plus 1	All square
P F Fischer	plus 1	1 down
F H Greig	scratch	1 down
E Ferrera Nicholson	—2	1 down
J M Scott	—3	1 down
L Stansfield	scratch	2 down
B E Coombs	—3	2 down
J Humphrey (Jr)	—3	2 down
J Humphrey (Sr)	—3	3 down
Osborne Marshall	plus 2	3 down
Frank Muir	scratch	3 down
H R Greaves	—3	3 down
C W Francis	—4	3 down
John Stiven	scratch	4 down
G C Scott	—7	5 down
H S Jacob	—2	5 down
H W Astell	—6	6 down

The competition for the Calcutta medal, by handicap play over 18 holes, will take place on Wednesday and Thursday.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AT PANCHGANI.

The distribution of prizes was held at the St. Joseph's Convent School, Panchgani, on the 29th ultimo. A good deal of interest was taken in the event locally, and nearly all the residents of the station attended. A very pleasing programme of music and recitations was carried out by the scholars. It included the overture "Barbe Bleu" by the Misses Da Costa, Bomanjee, and Braganza; "Kazoo Band" by the little ones of the school, accompanied by Miss N. Bland; the roudino "Air Suisse" by the Misses M. and B. Bland and M. Briscoe, and various other items, in which the Misses Macpherson, N. Malcolm, Kalamaree also took part. A comedietta was afterwards creditably performed, the prologue being recited by Miss M. Briscoe. Afterwards the report was read by the Rev. Chaplain and the prizes were distributed. [The proceedings were much enjoyed.]

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

BEAUTY IN THE HOME.

AUTUMNAL MODES.

BANDS FOR THE THROAT.

(FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, NOVEMBER 14.

The architect of home beauty is the woman. It is the little personal touches, evidences of womanly fore-thought and planning, that impart the real atmosphere of home. An empty corner or an ugly niche becomes an inspiration for woman's ingenuity. A cosy nook or an item of furniture of her creation is a pretty note in the scheme of furnishing. The tones may be harmonised with the colour scheme of the room and yet be picturesquely Oriental, Old English, or Japanese. Embroideries are an essential part of this harmony. The ribbon work—that most delicate creation of the time of Louis XVI.—is revived for use in French and Chippendale rooms. The ribbons, soft and flimsy, are in two widths—one narrower than baby ribbon, the other about half an inch wide. They are in every colour and shade, except any suggestion of a dark colour or a harsh tone. The tone and shades are unusual and beautiful. There are dozens of shades of green and browns for the leaves; there are pinks and blues and yellows of every tone; there are shaded ribbons, dark on one side and almost white on the other. Ribbon work is peculiarly effective for the seats of Louis XVI. furniture, for sachets and pincushions of all kinds, for sofa cushions in old French and English rooms; and it is especially dainty for baby's carriage cover. The garland and blossom designs of the Louis XVI. period are copied. One of the most effective—a basket of flowers, with festoons of more flowers—is intended for a nightdress sachet and is embroidered on delicate pink satin, the basket in straw coloured ribbon, with green leaves, deep pink roses, and white daisies. The sachet will be lined with straw-coloured silk and edged with a dainty ruche of the various ribbons used in the work. Next in importance to ribbon work comes cross-stitch embroidery. The canvas used is the French single-threaded kind. Petit point is a half stitch over a single crossing of canvas, and this stitch would suit the old-fashioned double-threaded canvas were used.

Tea-cloths are almost without exception done in solid flat embroidery. The newest pieces are round, although there are many specimens of beautiful drawn work that of necessity are square. The handsomest tea cloths are embroidered with beauty roses, but the material used is that most beautiful of all materials, bolting cloth, edged with heavy grey Russian lace. The grey lace and the dull, bluish sheen of the bolting cloth join in a perfect blending of tones; and the deep, brilliant shades of the rose upon them are effective and pleasing. Another tea-cloth of the same material is edged with a scallop formed of immense green leaves, and thrown upon it are large conventional pink blossoms. One effective example of the true-to-nature flower is the white carnation thrown carelessly upon bolting cloth. The edge is simply finished in white floss. Filo floss, incidentally, is the silk almost invariably used for all this work, whether on the fine bolting cloth or coarse linen. Nor is its entire strand ever taken. Two threads of it, worked up in the finest and flattest work, are what all the pieces show. Among linens, unless they are hemstitched, the heavy Russian quality is the favourite. It is rarely used in white, the delicate tints are much more desirable; and some particularly good colour combinations may be secured with them. White daisies and darker greens are used upon green for a tea-cloth that is edged with white lace, another has poppies, both yellow and red, upon a pale yellow ground.

Of late years, we have been accustomed to associate dark autumnal colourings with the November modes, at all events as far as outdoor garments have been concerned, but this season we seem to have changed all that. The most delicate tones of cream and biscuit-colour, a blue so pale that it is almost grey, a delicate sea-green, and a dainty rose-petal pink—these are the colours that Fashion smiles upon, even in this dreary month of fogs and mists, and in a place like London, where the daily atmosphere of smuts simply ruins these fabrics of delicate colouring in a very short space of time. Already the short walking skirts are making their welcome appearance in London, although they are not seen so frequently here as they are in New York. A neat walking-frock is carried out in pale turquoise blue tibeline, with a skirt that is finely pleated and stitched all the way round for some distance below the waist. The coat bodice has double basques, while the vest is of white mode, crossed by several little bows of black velvet ribbon drawn through small steel buckles. The collar with its wide rabat-tie of white glace silk, is characteristically American, and so is the flat hat of fine white felt, with a shaded quill thrust through the brim. A particularly pretty pale pink silk blouse which is now in vogue is adorned with an applique design of Irish lace butterflies, and beautified with much fine stitchery. Quite new, too, and very smart, are the blouses in fine wool poplin, which are procurable in various colours. These blouses are trimmed with a narrow waved silk braid, in black and white, and have very much the appearance of bengaline silk. Some pretty blouse slips in ecru esprit net with lace insertions have pointed handkerchief draperies forming the front of the bodice, and transparent elbow sleeves finished in like fashion. The children's dressing-gowns in soft lambs wool are charming, and can be procured either in pale pink or pale blue. They are finished very quaintly with monk's hoods and woollen girdles. There is a great fascination about these beautiful hand-made laces that come from Venice and Murano. From a practical point of view the godet flounces of lace are, perhaps, the most attractive, as they can be worn in a variety of ways, as a fichu or trimming, for a day-dress, or, again, as a berthe, on an evening bodice. There are many interesting things to be seen here also in the way of Venetian glass and new art jewellery, with buckles and clasps in faintly tinted enamels, clever replicas of antique designs.

Once again the black velvet band is worn round the throat. The revival comes from Paris, and Bernhardt is responsible for it, for she sometimes wears a silken band round her throat, put on as though one were tying a ribbon round one's neck. Then she fastens a bow at the back. There is not the sign of a jewel, unless across the front is drawn a long, low buckle through the ribbon. The bands are quite as frequently made of silk as velvet. Bands of silk are made on the bias. These are hooked round the neck of a decollete gown fastened in the back, and there is pinned here a big-made silk bow with smart outstanding ends. Such a silk band and bow make a very nice neck trimming, and are really more becoming to the skin than the glaring diamond necklace. Of course, the idea has been worked out in a number of ways. One pretty girl, at a recent reception, wore a neckband of pink panne velvet. The dress with which it was worn was a pink peau de soie. The pink velvet neckband was embroidered with small pink roses and green leaves, with French knots strewn over the whole. Another idea would be for the velvet neckband to have a narrow trimming of jewelled passementerie bordering the velvet one each edge, and the middle embroidered with white flowers, with silver worked into the flowers and leaves. The plain black velvet band is very effective, and can be finished at the back with a big splashing bow of blue tulle. If the tulle bow is worn a wide buckle of turquoise should be worn in front. It is really and economical as well as a pretty fad.

From time immemorial furs have appealed to the feminine heart as particularly desirable, and certainly there is nothing more becoming. Even a plain woman will look well in handsome furs, while a beautiful woman has every point of beauty enhanced when she is enveloped in them, provided those same furs are made up in a garment that is becoming in shape. A badly-cut and badly-fitted fur garment is something to be avoided, even in a fit of the warmth to be gained by it. There is a marked difference from previous seasons in all furs that are to be worn about the neck. Capes have much longer shoulder seams, and apparently are designed to give the effect of the exaggeratedly long drooping shoulder. The capes that reach to the shoulder, or a little below, are finished in front with long square tabs, and there is no high storm-collar that can be turned up round the throat. On the contrary, the cape is finished so that it lies quite away from the throat. Long stoles of any kind of fur are popular. These lie flat against the figure, and are different from the round boas which have been in fashion so long. Stoles are from a quarter to half a yard in width, and are the same size throughout. They are finished with tails, or are made quite plain across the ends. There are short, straight pieces of fur not nearly so wide, that also are fashionable, but these, as a rule, are shaped at the back to give a pointed effect. They are not so smart as the straight band just described. A pretty little fur set half-silk, consists of a boa, a muff, a hat, and deep cuffs. Seal-brown silk is made up with the finest Persian lamb, and the whole has a soft lining of shell-pink satin. A few pink crepe roses are nestled in the fur. The fur sets are very handsome, for chinchilla, ermine, sable, and Siberian squirrel are the most fashionable varieties. Irish crochet or a deep cream-tinted, filmy lace and black velvet are used for combination, and some exquisite effects are the result. The popular fur and velvet muff is square and long rather than big and round, and the velvet overlays the fur in square tabs. Irish lace is usually combined with chinchilla, and the coffee-tinted lace with sable. Siberian fur—a Parisian fad—is generally used alone both for turbans and muffs, and the cape is a long board stole, which is draped about the shoulders Ilka fashion. Swansdown, which hitherto has been used for trimming purposes, now appears as a boa. The long stoles of swansdown are very soft and dainty.

Some ladies will possibly be astonished to hear that all teachers have not been trained to teach It will seem to them ludicrous that any one may enter a school without previous preparation, and may be engaged on the difficult task of imparting knowledge without even a superficial acquaintance with the capacities, the instincts, or the desires of a child. We have been slowly awakening to the manifest absurdity of such a state of affairs. The day is not far distant when we shall exact from every teacher such a preliminary training as will enable him or her to deal with the problems which are ever presenting themselves in the course of a day's work at school. There are, however, those who are anticipating the course of events. There are normal and secondary training schools where this preliminary want is satisfied. Perhaps the simplest plan will be to give a description of the arrangements at one of the institutions for the training of teachers who wish to enter the elementary or the secondary schools. The future teacher of the elementary school should enter what is called the Normal Department of one of these institutions, and, for convenience, it will be as well to take a University College in a large town, such as, for instance, at Cardiff. Here there are both a normal school and a school for the training of secondary teachers. Cardiff is a town in which education receives its full share of attention. Its elementary schools are among the best in the country, and its Higher Grade School probably is the best of its kind. It has a great secondary school, under the care of a headmaster who is an enthusiast in his profession, and is one of the few men who has been not only a master in the public schools, but has also studied the craft in Germany. He was also for some time the head of the Training College for Teachers which was founded by the College of Preceptors. Then there is the large and excellent University staff, the personnel of which take a large and increasing interest in the social life of the students. Altogether the atmosphere which surrounds the students in a town like this is of a sympathetic and stimulating character.

CYCLING AT HOME.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 14.

During the National Cycle Show week the Metropolitan District Association of the Cyclists' Touring Club will muster in the Concert Room of the Crystal Palace, which has been placed at the disposal of the Association by the directors of the Palace. The meeting will be held on the evening of November 21st, and an interesting programme has been arranged comprising lectures and discussions on recent improvements and inventions in the cycle world. The meeting will be open to members of the C.T.C. and their friends.

The quarterly council meeting of the National Cyclists' Union recently held at the Inns of Court Hotel, London, saw the passing of a new rule that will be welcomed by amateur racing men. It is that prize winners may select the prizes they prefer. This rule, however, only applies to winners of races promoted by clubs affiliated to the Union. It is a capital idea, for under present arrangements a successful rider may number amongst his prizes a master of ten clocks, eight fish carvers, twenty salt-cellars, and so on, and not even a pocket knife or pencil case. It was announced at the meeting by Mr. Woollen, that the conference between the railway companies and representatives of allied cycling bodies would take place during show week. This is the meeting which the Board of Trade interested itself in arranging.

A young lady who was charged before the Accrington bench for having ridden a cycle on the footpath, asked the local magistrate whether she was expected to ride on dirty roads like those at Huncoat? or whether it was illegal to ride on the footpath in the country, when no one else was inconvenienced? Being informed that it was, she was requested to pay a fine of 5s and costs.

The opening ceremony of the Stanley Cycle Show, at the Agricultural Hall, will be performed this year by Mr. Thomas Lough, M. P. Mr. Lough is the friend of cyclists in the House, always being one of the first to interest himself on their behalf when questions cycular are brought up.

There is a certain gentleman of tender years who lives in the town of Altrincham, whose love for the wheel is so great that not possessing the means to purchase a bicycle he must needs go and steal one from a cycle agent. For some time he enjoyed the pastime to his heart's content, hiding the bicycle in a field at night; but the novelty wearing off he generously lent the cycle to another boy, who meeting with an accident took it to be repaired. Thus was the theft discovered. The youth was bound over in the sum of £10 under the First Offenders' Act.

Some of the offences with which the police charge wheelmen are most trivial, even in the opinion of the magistrates, and not a few have dismissed cases brought before them on this account. Before the West Ham Bench a medical student was charged for wheeling his bicycle on the kerb whilst passing a cart. The magistrate however considered the policeman had acted indiscreetly in issuing a summons, and dismissed the charge. The policeman was unable to reply to a question put by the magistrate's clerk, why a bicycle should not have the same privilege on the path as a perambulator.

It has been officially announced by the secretary of the J. K. Starley's Memorial Fund, that the money collected will be devoted to the foundation of a scholarship at the Birmingham University for "Road Locomotion," and also to the purchase of a small tract of the land Mr. Starley left to the Coventry institute. A matter of £1,000 will be required for the scholarship, and up to the present half this amount has been collected or promised. The committee were careful in selecting the term "Road Locomotion" so as to leave it without any restriction as to what form of road locomotion the scholarship was for. We live in advancing times: it may be cycles to-day, motors to-morrow, and something else the next day.

On the 24th of this month indoor cycling racing in this country will be given another lease of life, and judging by the energetic manner in which it has been boomed this week by the promoters, should flourish for some time. We are afraid, however, that the thing will be over-done, the arrangements being for a meeting to be held every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings. Three times a week is even too frequent in our opinion. The track, which is being built at the Alexandra Palace, will be twelve laps to the mile, and during the opening week a very attractive daily programme is promised, some of the best known professional racing men being down to appear.

Amongst British amateur riders, Arthur Gell, of Bedford, must be reckoned one of the most successful competitors on the race path, having won during his racing career prizes to the value of £1,000, besides shares in trophies to the value of £350. As to his being the champion prize winner of 1902, there is some dispute, the followers of A. L. Reed, claiming the honour for their man. Reed has certainly been very successful this year in championship events, but we very much doubt whether his wins in scratch races and handicaps equal those of Gell's. It was stated at the annual dinner of the Bedford C. and A. C. of which Gell is a member, that the prizes won by him this season represented a sum of £300. This is a very large amount to win in one season's racing, and must represent a great number of successes, since the value of prizes offered in amateur events in this country is comparatively small.

There is some hope yet for poor professional racing men in this country who are all out of work—out of pocket, and out of heel—for in a recent issue of a daily paper appeared the following advertisement. 'Cyclists—Wanted man with own machine to accompany lady on Sunday morning; good rider, and able to render assistance up hill.' How varied are the channels of labour opened up by the ubiquitous bicycle!

There are many occasions on which cyclists have experienced difficulty in driving their machines against a strong wind and up hill, and have often wished they could reduce their gear, so as to render the work of pedalling easier. Many riders for this reason have a two-speed gear fitted, in that under adverse circumstances the labour of pedalling is considerably reduced. It somehow never has become popular with the generality of riders, but like the free wheel, when it was originally invented, it came before its time. There is, however, promised a perfect speed gears which will produce a number of gears which should satisfy the most fastidious of riders. It should especially appeal to ladies by reason of the variation of gear obtainable. The change gear is in the hub, and by pulling a lever which connects with the gear, it can be made either 20 per cent. higher or lower than the normal. Thus, if the rider uses a normal gear of 80 inches, it can be raised to 100 or reduced to 60 inches according to the conditions and variations of the road, gradient and windage. It promises to become very popular next season.

The difference between the requirements of the motor bicycle and the motorless bicycle is that one must be provided with a resilient tyre which gives the greatest efficiency to the human driver, and has not to stand any very severe or sudden strain. On the other hand, the tyre of the motor machine has to stand very severe and sudden strains and a much heavier weight. For this reason they should be made very stout and strong. In the Dunlop valanised motor bicycle tyre made by the Company's own patent process, the utmost skill and precision enters into its construction, and their durability is most marked.

THE BAHAUDDIN COLLEGE, JUNAGADH.

THE NEW PRINCIPAL.

The administration of the Junagadh State have secured for the post of the Principal, Bahauddin College, vacated by the appointment of Mr. Hesketh M. A. (Oxon) as Head Master of the Elphinstone High School, Bombay, the services of Mr. J. Scott M. A. (Glasgow) Bar-at-Law (Sydney) who is now working as Professor of English in the Central Hindu College at Benares. Besides being a distinguished scholar, lawyer, scientist and philosopher, Mr. Scott has had over twenty years' experience in practical teaching during the most part of which he has been at the head of various Educational Institutions in Europe and Australia, where he distinguished himself as a strict disciplinarian and as a gentleman exceptionally well-qualified to act as a teacher. He was pronounced by one of the best living Educational authorities in Europe as rather a born than a made teacher, he being singularly gifted by nature for the work of teaching. The Managing Committee of the Central Hindu College at Benares have also been well pleased with his great devotion to work. He has been exceedingly successful with the students in his charge and has won their affection and respect to a remarkable degree.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY AT HONGKONG.

As the 10th and 14th Bombay Infantry are now at Hongkong, writes a correspondent, some account of the celebration of the King-Emperor's birthday at that far eastern station may interest your readers.

The usual artillery salutes were fired on Sunday, the 9th, and had a pretty and impressive effect seen from the hills above the town and harbour, as six British, an American, and a Portuguese men-of war participated, and the hills reverberated with the prolonged discharge.

On the following day, proclaimed a public holiday the garrison paraded at 4 p. m. in the Happy Valley, for a review by the Governor, Sir Henry Blake, G.C.M.G., No more picturesque ground for a ceremonial parade perhaps exists in the Empire than this flat green race-course surrounded by wooded hills. The troops were drawn up in line of quarter columns in the following order:—Two battalions of blue-jackets, one of Royal Marines landed from the ships, the Royal Garrison Artillery, the Royal Engineers, half a battalion of the Sherwood Foresters, the Hongkong and Singapore Battalion, Royal Artillery (Sikhs and Punjabee Mahomedans), the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, the 10th Bombay Light Infantry, the 33rd Burma Infantry, and the 14th Bombay Infantry.

The sailors and marines wore white, and the rest khaki, with the exception of the small staff, which for some unexplained reason appeared according to local custom in white. H. E. the Governor was punctual, and after the inspection of the line, and the presentation of China Medals to some Royal Engineers, the march-past took place in the presence of a large crowd of spectators, among whom were Lady Blake, the Acting Governor of Macao, with a large suite, some members of which were brilliant Portuguese uniforms, and the greater part of Hongkong society. It would be invidious to single out particular battalions, when all were excellent, but certainly none looked better than the 10th Bombay Light Infantry who were by far the strongest on the ground. The 14th Bombay Infantry in spite of having to parade while in a camp of exercise, and to march several miles over mountainous paths, and to cross the outer eastern harbour to reach the ground, went past with a vigorous swing. With so many Indian troops at the station it seems a mistake not to have an Indian brigadier for their immediate command, as their conditions of service require to be intimately known.

After the march-past the troops formed up again on the original alignment and advance in review order, and the parade ended in three mighty cheers for King Edward, the Governor giving the time.

In the evening his Exllency and Lady Blake gave a State ball at Government House, which was most enjoyable, and in some respects amusing. The State entry, the State quadrille, and the State procession into supper, must have made Irishmen think of Dublin Castle. This ball, which

into, for it is only from promptitude and thoroughness that just results are to be expected. The Judge or Subordinate Judge who neglects to bring to notice the fact that the work in the district or Court is more than can be got through without help will incur a grave responsibility. As regards the question of interest, preposterous rates cannot of course be allowed. The Courts are bound to fairly administer Section 11 of the Deccan Agriculturists' Relief Act, XVII of 1879. As there is likely, owing to want of materials on which to form a judgment, to be considerable variety of opinion on this subject, efforts should be made to provide information for the assistance and guidance of Subordinate Judges. The Judicial Commissioner should make a thorough inquiry into this question of rate of interest, obtain as many opinions of well-informed people as possible, allow Mr. Mountford on his return to explain his own views, and finally review the information collected and express his own conclusions, which, though not binding on the Courts, will be of help to them. The compilation of such opinions and conclusions should be printed for supply to all Courts and a copy furnished to Government. Attention is also called in these papers to the importance of all Subordinate Judges being acquainted with the written character in which accounts are usually kept. The Judicial Commissioner is requested after consulting them to report how many and which of them are able to read the Hindu-Sindhi accounts books with facility or otherwise, and to favour Government with his opinion whether a knowledge of Hindu-Sindhi reading should be prescribed as a subject for a departmental examination.

METHODS OF THE MONEY-LENDERS.

One of the methods by which the money-lenders are said to overreach the zamindars is "the execution of leases which are, in reality, usufructuary mortgages. The question of amending the Incumbered Estates Act so as to deal with such transactions as if they were mortgages will be considered if the Courts finally hold them to be real leases and not mortgages. Mr. Giles suggests that the section of the Deccan Agriculturist Relief Act dealing with mortgages should be amended so as to include leases. The sweeping provisions of the Money-lenders' Act 1900 show that in England where the relative number of borrowers must be smaller than in India, the necessity in certain circumstances of disregarding the form of the transaction has been recognised. But the matter is one which requires further consideration before Government can form a final opinion on the suggestion. The Commissioner in Sind should give Mr. Mountford an opportunity of going more fully into the matter and collecting statistics bearing on it. The Judicial Commissioner should at the same time obtain the opinion of all Judges and Sub-ordinate Judges and forward them to the Commissioner in Sind with his own views, and finally, when all available information has been collected, the Commissioner in Sind should report to Government as to the desirability of the proposed legislation or otherwise.

It is suggested, lastly, that the registration of all transfers of land between money-lenders and Musalman landholders should be made compulsory. Government are averse to any class legislation, but the Commissioner in Sind should report, after consulting the Judicial Commissioner and such other officers as he deems fit, whether he would recommend the application of Section 54 of the Transfer of Property Act or some similar provision to Sind.

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay, held on the 25th inst. the Trustees Resolution, dated 23rd September, sanctioning the estimated expenditure of Rs. 300 to fit a shoot from the second floor of No. 10—11 shed, Victoria Dock, to one of the first floor shoots was submitted along with letter from the Docks Superintendent, dated 18th October, requesting sanction for two more shoots being fitted from the top floor of No. 10—11 shed, Victoria Dock, similar to the experimental one already fitted and which has proved so satisfactory; the Superintendent added that the cost can be charged to savings on the sanctioned estimate for the shed.

The Engineer, concurred in the Docks Superintendent's proposal, and estimated the expenditure at Rs. 830. The necessary sanction was given.

TENDERS.

The Engineer forwarded the tenders for the supply of sand, shingle and bricks, paints and oils, and Metals, during the year 1903. The following tenders are accepted:—Sand, Shingle and Bricks,—Messrs. Ally Mahomed Cassum and Co. Paints and Oils,—Messrs. Kurwa and Kajiji (Kerosine oil being excluded as recommended by the Engineer). Metals,—Messrs. Kurwa and Kajiji.

The Engineer forwarded the tenders for the supply of printed stationery for three years from 1st January 1903. It was resolved that the contract should be divided between the "Times of India" and the Bombay Education Society's Press, as recommended by the Engineer, by selecting the lowest items in each tender and giving half the items in which they are equal, to each.

THE PORTABLE CRANES.

The Docks Superintendent, in a letter dated, 11th November, requested sanction for the portable Dock Cranes to be made available without charge for loading the Railway trucks, within Dock limits simultaneous of cargo for up-country stations, as the Railway companies do such work free of charge in the local Depots of the G. I. P. and B. B. & C. I. Railways; adding that the amounts recovered on that account during the past season was as follows:—For September, Rs. 15-14-6 for October, Rs. 2-6-0 up to November 8th Rs. 3-8-0; total Rs. 19-12-6. The Chairman explained that the Board's policy was to encourage direct despatch by the Railway Sidings from the Docks, and as the Trustees were aware, this branch of trade had lately increased very largely. As the B. B. & C. I. and G. I. P. Railway Goods yards no charges were levied for the use of hand cranes by the Railway Companies, and he considered that the Port Trust should follow their example especially as the consignor supplied the labour for working the cranes.

It was resolved that Government be asked to approve of the necessary amendment of the Rate book.

PILOTAGE STATEMENT.

	For week ending 8th Nov. 1902.	Total from 1st to 8th Nov. 1902.	For week ending 9th Nov. 1901.	Total from 1st April to 9th Nov. 1901.
Vessels piloted into harbour	18	637	17	634
Do " out of "	10	631	26	644
Do transported	17	463	15	426
Do attended to	2	38	1	39
Do warped	2	35	..	21

ROUND THE WORLD OVERLAND.

A FORTHCOMING LECTURE.

Mr. John A. Booth, who is making an overland tour round the world on behalf of the "New York Herald," has arrived in Bombay, and in the course of the next week or so will lecture on his experiences. The object of his tour is more particularly to obtain information of the trade conditions of the various countries through which he will travel. He commenced his journey in Paris and has travelled through Germany, Russia, Siberia, and China. Only on three occasions did he board a steamboat, and in each of those occasions it was imperative that he should do so. He was in China during the Boxer rising, and in order to proceed from Tientsin to Peking he found it necessary to volunteer to serve with the American forces there. In a skirmish outside Tientsin he was shot through the wrist, and later on he had another exciting experience, being captured by Chinese bandits in the State of Hoopeh. He was eventually ransomed by the Chinese officials for three thousand dollars. Later on he was again attacked by robbers, and this time his escort left him to his fate and he was badly maltreated. Eventually, however, he got clear of China, and came by way of French Indo-China, Siam, and Burma into India. He has already visited Calcutta, and from Bombay he will proceed to Delhi for the Durbar. From Delhi he will journey into Persia, and thence through Turkistan to Suez. Subsequently he intends to tour through Africa and Australia His story should prove very interesting

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern Fort Southern and Esplanade	4	2	9
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	8	6	27
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Khumbharwada	5	5	20
D Bhetwady, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mahalakshmi	0	0	6
E Mazagon, Tarwady, and Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	9	8	30
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	1	1	8
G Mahim and Worli	0	1	11
Water Division	0	0	1
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	0	7
Total	27	23	118
Total plague deaths to date	121,427	100,995	
Same date last year	36	18	123

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THE ADAMS-WYLLIE HOSPITAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—It is well-known that the principal hospitals in Bombay are supported by trust funds and contributions from Government, but there is one, recently built by the munificence of a lady, which has neither endowment nor Government support. It is a hospital which fills one of the most urgent wants in Bombay, viz., a pauper hospital where road-side cases and waifs and strays of the city can obtain medical treatment of diseases other than contagious. A committee of the following gentlemen, viz., Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Sir Balchandra Krishna Bhatavadeka, Dr. J. A. Turner, Mr. Adamjee Peerbhoy, Mr. Vrijbhucandas Atmaram, Mr. D. E. Wacha, Mr. S. Rebsch, Mr. Harkisondas Narrotumdas, Mr. Tribhowandas Mangaldas, and Mr. C. M. Cursetjee has been formed for the purpose of raising an endowment fund, and they appeal to the Princes, Chiefs, and general public of the Presidency and City for contributions to enable them to carry on on a permanent basis the work inaugurated by H. E. the Governor in July last, and of which H. E. Lady Northcote is patroness. Donations, annual or monthly subscriptions, will be most gladly received. A lump sum of Rs. 4,000—or an annual subscription of Rs. 150—will provide the up-keep of one bed for a year. It is eminently fitting that the Proclamation of his Majesty King Edward VII. should be accompanied in all parts of the Empire by festivities and rejoicings, but should that be all? By express desire of his Majesty the Coronation festivities were supplemented by the raising of a fund for placing the London hospitals on a sure financial basis, to which very large sums have been subscribed. It is quite certain that an effort in a similar direction in India would give the King Emperor special gratification. Mrs. Adams-Wyllie who lives at the hospital, which is situated on the Agripada Estate, near the Byculla Club, will be glad to show visitors over the wards. Contributions may be sent to her or to

GEORGE LUND,
Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

Sassoon Institute Building, Bombay, December 5.

The following subscriptions have been received:—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Amounts previously acknowledged	3,894	0	0
Through Mr. Rustomjee P. Taleyarkhan	500	0	0
A. W.	30	0	0
Mr. D. N. G. Glade	100	0	0
" Cursetjee	100	0	0
" J. L. Dinshaw	75	0	0
Miss Goldie	44	3	11
Mr. B. N. Dinshaw	300	0	0
A sympathiser	50	0	0
Mr. Rustomjee Jehangir	150	0	0
A Friend	50	0	0
A Parsee	10	0	0
A Sympathiser	10	0	0
A Friend	5	0	0
Mrs. Wilkins	5	0	0
" D. N. Wadia	25	0	0
In small sums	40	0	0
Mrs. Sorab P. N. Wadia	50	0	0
A Fine for Assault	30	0	0
Mr. Rustomjee Hormusjee	25	0	0
In small sums	30	0	0
Mrs. Bahya	10	0	0
Mr. A. D. D'Souza	15	0	0
Mrs. Wadia	10	0	0
Mr. S Douglas	50	0	0
" P. G. Singhani	1,500	0	0
" M. N. Wadia, C. I. E., in memory of his Mother	1,000	0	0
Bai Kooverbai Jesjeebhoy M. Jeejeebhoy, Govt. Pro. Note	500	0	0
Mr. Vithaldas Purshotam	5	0	0
In small sums	8	0	0
A Friend	50	0	0
Mrs. Parshotumdas N. Nathoobhoy in memory of her Father and Mother	100	0	0
Anonymus	10	0	0
Mr. Y. S. Ragoba	15	0	0
Mrs. J. Hormusjee	5	0	0
Mr. Wm M. Bell	50	0	0
Through "Jam-e-Jamshed"			
Navajbai Khan	10	0	0
A Zoroastrian (Rajputanar)	50	0	0
A Zoroastrian (Dharwar)	5	0	0
P. K. Kh. in memory of dear Mother	20	0	0
A Zoroastrian Lady	10	0	0
K. M. K. (Dharwar)	15	0	0
M. C., in memory of dear Brother P. K. Khambatta	5	0	0
In memory of Son Sawakshaw	10	0	0
N. N. M.	10	0	0
A Friend, in memory of Hormusjee Sorabjee Mistri	10	0	0
Navajbai R. Tata	50	0	0
Irreparable loss	1	0	0
In memory of Grand Mother	5	0	0
In memory of Grand Father	15	0	0
A Parsee Lady, in memory of a deceased daughter	10	0	0
Total amount to date	Rs. 9,082	3	11

Twelve blankets from Mrs. H. S. Bottlewalla.

DIVINE SERVICE.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT, 7TH DECEMBER.

SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
6-30 and 8 a.m.—Holy Communion—Choral—Merbecke. Hymns—53, 323, 312 and 555.
8 p.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon by Canon Roberts. Hymns—51, 52 and 49.
Maunders' 2nd Nunc Dimittis—Woodward A.
Daily Matins at 6-15 a.m, and Evensong at 5 p.m.
Daily Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLABA.
(Afghan Memorial Church.)

11 a.m.—Parade Service.
8 a.m.—Choral Celebration of the Holy Communion.
Hymns—317, 318 and 107.
6 p.m.—Evensong, Choral and Sermon.
Hymns—50, 51 and 362.
Offertories during the day for the Organ Fund.
Preacher the Rev Fr Nicholson, S S J E.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.
(Colaba Causeway.)

8 a.m.—Parade Service, Rev Walter Seed.
6 p.m.—Evening Service, Rev Walter Seed.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
8-30 p.m.—Social Hour.

(Wesleyan Church, Victoria Gardens, Byculla.)

9-15 a.m.—Morning Service, Rev E Geary.
6 p.m.—Evening Service, Rev E Martin.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.

BOWEN MEMORIAL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
(Apollo Bunder.)

11 a.m.—Sermon by Rev N L Rockey.
6 p.m.—Sermon by Rev R Claney.
Also Prayer Meeting on Wednesday, at 6 p.m.
All Seats free and strangers cordially welcomed.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

8 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon by Rev H McNeile.

THE UNITED FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.
Waudby Road.

11 a.m.—Joint Service (St. Andrew's Church.)
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class.
6 p.m.—Evening Service by Rev. Alex S. Crichton, M.A.
Hymns—237, 297 and 256. Psalm 145.

ST. NICHOLAS' SEAMEN'S CHURCH.
Opposite the Main Gate of Prince's Dock.

10-30 a.m.—Matins.
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Daily—
7-30 a.m.—Matins.
4-30 p.m.—Evensong.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.
(Church of Scotland.)

11 a.m.—Joint Service, the Rev W G Robertson.
Psalm—25 tune 165.
Hymns—101, 141 and 314.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evening Service, the Rev Dr Mackichan will preach.
Psalm—103.
Hymns—125, 125 and 127.
Te Deum—Jackson.
Collection for the Scottish Orphanage.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PAREL.
(Madras Time)

8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Eucharist.
8-30 a.m.—Matins.
Hymns—47 and 33.
5-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—53, 51 and 49.
Offertories on behalf of the Indo-British Institution.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON.

6 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
7 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Choral). PreacherRev Fr Tovey.
10 a.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong (Choral). Preacher Rev Fr Biscoe.
Alms for Church expenses.

ALL SAINTS, MALABAR HILL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, BANDRA.

11 a.m.—Matins, Sermon and Celebration of the Holy Eucharist.
Hymns—48, 50 and 320.

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

AFTERNOON'S RACES.

Boats' names.	Entered by
Nanta	G T W Olver, Esq
Sapphire	Capt R S Muter, R E and R H H Hopkins, Esq
Turquoise	Major C R Hoskyn, R E
Stella	Lt Col H W Boyd, I M S

Course No. 8. Length of course—6·3 miles.
Yachts Handicap (Class B) Race—Start at 3 p.m. Course No. 13. Three times round. Length of course—7·7 miles.

Boats' names.	Entered by
Isca	E Faulkner, Esq
Pixie	E R Smetham, Esq
Janetta	Lt J A McEnery, R E
Mannikin	Capt H B Mayne, R G A
Fairmaya	W W Petrie, Esq
Trixie	A M Monteath, Esq
Cook of the North	E Comber, Esq

Tomtit Class Race—Start at 2-45 p.m. Course No. 2, Length of course—6·6 miles.

Boats' names.	Entered by
Titmouse	J S W Milne, Esq
Tomtit	Dr F M Gibson

Ship's Boats (Fency rig) Race—Start at 2-30 p.m. Course No. 2. Length of course—6·6 miles.

Boats' names.	Entered by
H M S Abyssinia's Cutter 28'	Lt L Menzie, R N
H M S Abyssinia's Cutter 27'	M P Morrison, Esq, R N
H M S Magpie's Cutter 25'	R Love (Gunner), R N
Do do 28'	Lt E C A Betts, R N
Do do 25'	Do
Do Galley 32'	Do
Do Pinnace 32'	Do
P & O Caledonia's Cutter 28'	E C Richards, Esq

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FIFTH CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Crowe presided at a sitting of the court yesterday, and the following cases were heard before his Lordship and a common jury.

ALLEGED FORGERY OF A RAILWAY RECEIPT.

Khimji Tejsey, a Hindu, was charged with cheating, forging a railway receipt and using as genuine a forged document. Mr. Kemp, instructed by the Pupile Prosecutor, appeared for the Crown; and Mr. Rustam Wadia, instructed by Messrs. Wadia and Gandhy, appeared for the defence.

At the close of the evidence for the prosecution, Mr. Kemp summed up the case.

Mr. Wadia, on behalf of the accused, urged that there was no evidence to sustain the charges against the accused. He acted "bona fide" through the whole of the transaction. He believed the railway receipts were genuine; they were his property; and he passed them on to the prosecutor without using any misrepresentation or making the slightest attempt to deceive. There was no evidence whatever to show that he had a guilty knowledge that the railway receipts were forged. He believed them to be genuine, and he used them accordingly in the ordinary course of business. That being the case, he was entitled to an aquittal at the hands of the jury. Counsel reviewed the evidence and remarked how unreliable many of the witnesses were. The complainant was a man who had proved himself out of his own mouth to be the most unreliable witness. The accused had no guilty knowledge, no guilty intention, and the learned counsel said he was entitled to a unanimous verdict of not guilty.

His Lordship, in summing up the case to the jury, said the accused was charged with the forgery of a valuable security and using it as genuine. With regard to the facts of the case there was very little dispute. The accused admitted that he delivered the railway receipts to the complainant. The question was whether the accused made a false representation to the complainant, and whether the receipts were handed over to another party with the consent of the complainant himself. His Lordship reviewed the evidence and in doing so, pointed to what appeared to him to be a material discrepancy in the evidence of the complainant. The jury were told to weigh the evidence carefully and to see whether they considered the statements of the complainant or of the accused were the more reliable. His Lordship thought that the ingredients of forgery were wanting in the case.

The jury unanimously found the accused not guilty, and the accused was discharged.

A MEASURER'S ALLEGED FALSIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS.

Aswald Kenneth Wrafter, a measurer in the employ of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce, stood charged with falsification of accounts and forgery for the purpose of cheating. Mr. M. M. Murzban, instructed by the Public Prosecutor, appeared to prosecute; while Mr. Lowndes defended the accused. Mr. Weldon appeared to watch the case on behalf of the P. and O. Company.

As the accused is a European British subject, a mixed jury, consisting of a majority of Europeans, was asked for, and the application was granted. Of the nine jurors eight were Europeans and one Hindoo.

Mr. Lowndes said before his learned friend opened the case on behalf of the prosecution, he might mention that there were certain matters which, if was not desirable, should be discussed in the presence of the jury. It was purely a matter of law which need not be discussed while the jury were present.

His Lordship: Under what procedure do you propose to do it?

Mr. Lowndes said it was purely a question of law. He imagined the prosecution would be quite willing to discuss the question of the admission of certain evidence in the absence of the jury. They could more freely discuss the matter while the jury were not present.

Mr. Murzban said he was in utter darkness as to what particular piece of evidence his learned friend referred to.

Mr. Lowndes replied the question he proposed to discuss was whether a certain piece of evidence given by Mr. Paton in the lower court, and about which that court had made a certain decision, was admissible.

His Lordship said he understood that the discussion of the question before the jury might prejudice them.

Mr. Lowndes: Certainly.

His Lordship: I do not see any objection to the point being discussed in the absence of the jury.

Mr. Murzban said now that his learned friend had informed him as to what particular piece of evidence he was going to discuss, he might say that he had not the least objection to the course proposed by him. It was quite within his power to oppose such an application, but he did not wish to do it, because it was the desire of the prosecution that the accused should have a fair trial.

It was after some discussion agreed that after the case had been opened by counsel for the prosecution, Mr. Paton should be examined first as a witness, and that when his evidence reached a certain stage, the point might be discussed in the absence of the jury.

Mr. Murzban then opened the case for the prosecution at great length.

COUNSEL'S OPENING ADDRESS.

Mr. Murzban, in opening the case, said Mr. William Michael, who was chief prosecution in the Police Court, was senior measurer in the service of the Chamber of Commerce, in which capacity he had served for a period of sixteen years. The accused was his assistant, and they both worked at the Victoria Docks at the time of this, which formed the subject of the present prosecution, were perpetrated. Counsel then explained at some length the duty of a measurer, and proceeded to observe that, by an arrangement between a majority of the shipping companies and the Chamber of Commerce, the measurement of goods was entrusted to the Chamber, and the certificates passed by the measurers in its service were used as the basis for assessment and payment of freight. The duty of the measurer was to measure goods brought for shipment to the docks. The accused and one Haji Lalji Homaney, who was charged before the magistrate as an accomplice but was discharged for want of evidence, happened to fall out in the last week of March 1902. On the 30th of that month, Homaney went to Michael, and in a spirit of revenge, showed Michael two certificates of measurement of the Shanghai Company bearing numbers 177 and 178. These were in Michael's handwriting and over his signatures. Homaney asked Michael's advice regarding showing those certificates anonymously to the P. and O. Company to revenge himself on Wrafter, and on learning of that fabrication, Michael detained Homaney for the purpose of confronting him with the accused, whom he expected that morning. The accused came, and on Michael giving him the information he had received from Homaney, the accused abused the latter and said that he had been doing the same, that was to say, fabricating certificates for the firm of Messrs. Karimbhoy Ibrahim and Co. The accused then threatened Homaney, saying "you swine, if I swing, you swing with me too." Accused admitted the fabrications of the certificates, and Michael set about collecting materials to establish the frauds against Wrafter and Homaney. At an earlier stage of the investigation, Michael obtained from the accused the handwriting of Homaney. The slip, counsel said, was an important document in the case, and formed the basis upon which the measurements were to be made out. All the time Michael was making enquiries, he managed to allay the suspicions of the accused and Homaney by encouraging them in the belief that he would not expose them. Michael afterwards, reported the matter to the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who at once proceeded to institute further enquiries, with the result that the facts as they were stated to him by Michael were confirmed. In connection with the inquiry made by Mr. Paton, the Secretary of the Chamber, one important fact had to be borne in mind, inasmuch as it afforded an irresistible proof of the straightforwardness of the statement made by Michael. Mr. Paton made inquiries quite independently of Michael. When the complainant started the prosecution against the accused and Homaney, he had not a scrap of conformatory evidence at his disposal. Without having any aid or assistance from either the Chamber of Commerce or the P. and O. Company, Michael had to rely entirely. In the inculpatory admissions of the accused Homaney. The first inspection of certain documents, which Michael had, after they had been tendered in evidence in the Police Court, and the fact that these documents were found to be fabricated, afforded further and an ample corroboration of the statements made by him to Mr. Paton, and before the magistrate. Speaking about the measurement certificates, counsel drew the attention of the jury to three of them, viz, those marked, Nos. 177, 178, and 205, the first two of which related to the firm of Shanghai Company whereas the latter related to the firm of Karimbhoy Ibrahim & Co. Counsel then explained the manner in which these measurement certificates were prepared at the docks and the printed books of these certificates were issued by the Chamber of Commerce to their measurers.

The three certificates on which the accused had been charged contained shorter measurements than those indicated by Michael's inner foil. These were not the only certificates fabricated by the accused. The reckless manner in which he tampered with the certificates would be illustrated by the fact that he had been manipulating not only Michael's certificates for that particular company—Karimbhoy and Co.—but we had also manipulated certificates prepared and issued by himself. The accused was discharged from service on the 30th June last, and so was Michael. It was indeed very hard that Michael, the latter of whom was an innocent party and had helped in the detection of the frauds immensely benefiting the shipping interests of Bombay, should be made to row in the same boat as the accused. Indignant at the imputation, Michael wrote to the Chamber on the subject, but as he failed to get a satisfactory reply he thought he had no other recourse but to institute proceedings against the accused by way of clearing his character. In the course of the trial, evidence would be produced showing that during the Police Court investigation, and later on by the Public Prosecutor, a few more certificates had been found out in the handwriting and over the signature of the accused, for which there existed no counterfoils in the accused's handwriting, and it would be shown by means of that evidence that these additional certificates were also in connection with the firm of Karimbhoy Ibrahim and Co. Counsel further stated that a notice had been issued from the Appellate Side of the High Court as to why Homaney who had been discharged by the Magistrate, should not be called upon to take his trial at the Criminal Sessions of the High Court.

On the court sitting after luncheon, with regard to the portion of the evidence of Mr Paton which was objected to, Mr Murzban said he would call Mr Paton as a witness, and his learned friend might cross-examine him as to the portion he objected to. He had no objection to a reasonable cross-examination.

His Lordship said he did not know what would be objected to, but might deal with in cross-examination in the absence of the jury.

The jury were then told to retire, and Mr Paton was examined and cross-examined as to certain statements made to him by the accused.

The Reporters of the Press were asked not to report what transpired during the absence of the jury from the court.

The Rev Mr Caleans was called and examined, in the absence of the jury under the same restriction.

Counsel then cited a number of cases. Mr Murzban argued that the statements objected to were admissible, Mr Lowndes arguing to the contrary.

His Lordship decided that the statements were inadmissible.

The court then adjourned till this morning.

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M. A. P. IN THE GREEN ROOM.

Mr. J. M. Barrie's new play, "The Admirable Crichton," was produced at the Duke of York's Theatre. He calls it a fantasy in four acts, and the scene is laid first in Mayfair, and afterwards in an impossible, wholly delightful island of his imagination washed by the deepest sapphire sea. Unknown islands are most attractive on the stage. But how refreshing it is to find the characters wrecked upon the shores of one where there is no hint of such perfume as wafted over Florodora, where laughter plays with fancy, where the drawings of Bernard Partridge (who else could have designed such costumes?) are turned into living girls, and where it is possible for the admirable Crichton, butler and valet, to talk about the days when he was "a king in Babylon." Running through the whole of Mr. Barrie's play—an obbligato to the story and the plot—is a whimsical humour, a cynicism which smiles at itself, and a wit that is all its own.

It seems to me that the whole secret of enjoying the new piece at the Duke of York's depends upon one's point of view. Elaborate scenery must be the excuse for lengthy waits between the acts. There is never a problem to be solved. It is a play of impossibilities, punctuated with points. Enter into the spirit of the fantasy, forget for a few hours the sad and dreary plot of nearly every play of recent date which has been stamped with the word "success," and you will find that the minutes slip away and that you carry out of the theatre something to treasure—a charming stage picture, a witty line, or the echo of a hearty laugh.

Crichton (Mr. H. B. Irving) is the butler to the Earl of Loam (Mr. Henry Kemple) and highly disapproves, although he is far too well bred to say so, of his master's desire for equality—once every three months—between the family and the servants. As Crichton truly says, he does not object so much at being considered his lordship's equal as to John and Thomas, the footmen, being considered equal to him. The Earl's tea party, when he insists upon his daughters entertaining the servants, is abhorrent to the admirable Crichton. He is conservative, but consents, after one start of protest and disgust, to accept an inferior position to oblige the earl. The wreck of a yacht is responsible for the circumstances which alter cases, and in the second act the admirable Crichton is gradually turning into the master, for the whole party is discovered, in shreds and patches, on the shore of a tropic island. The earl has "foolishly risked his life by trying, as the yacht went down, to get into the boat first!" After a vain attempt to assert their position, the Ladies Mary, Catherine, and Agatha, their father and their lovers are drawn under the influence of Crichton, by the savoury smell from a caldron under which he has lighted a fire on the shore.

Two years elapse between the second and third acts; Crichton is turned into "the Guv." He has built huts; he has lighted them with electricity, in bladders for globes. He has taught the girls to fish and shoot with the bow; he has cured the Hon. Ernest Woolley (Mr. Gerald Du Maurier) of the grievous fault of making epigrams by dipping his head into a bucket of water whenever he is caught tripping. He wears a regal robe, made of feathers; he dines alone, with the menu on a cockle shell, and the courses served by the earl's eldest daughter, Lady Mary (Miss Irene Vanbrugh) in wooden bowls. The scene in the hut is the prettiest imaginable. A ship is sighted at the end of the act, the earl's party is rescued, and Crichton slip back into his old shell, bringing down the curtain on his obsequious "M'lady!"

An especially good third act makes one nervous for the result of a fourth. In "The Admirable Crichton," however, there is no falling off. Once again in Mayfair, Lord Loam and his daughters have asserted their dignity, Crichton is again the butler, and Ernest Woolley has written a book, with himself as hero, describing their adventures on the island. Lady Mary has renewed her engagement with a most eligible fiance, but the cross-questioning of his mother almost reduces the earl and his daughters to despair. Crichton very prudently tells the truth with the intention of deceiving, and the play ends as amusingly, cleverly, and quietly as it begins.

For the last eight years Mr. Gilbert Porteous has been a member of Mr. George Edwardes's company, playing in every success at Daly's Theatre. Short, cheery, and a typical comedian in face and manner, Mr. Porteous started his career on the platform, and sang in every concert hall in London long before he turned his talents to such good account on the stage. He is a tenor, but usually plays comedy parts nowadays, although he shares, in common with nearly every actor holding a good position in a good company the gift of adaptability.

Mr. Gilbert Porteous is the husband of Miss Ethel Irving, who is to play the Girl from Kay's, leaving Daly's for the time being to star at the Apollo. Mr. and Mrs. Porteous live in a quaint old house at King's Langley, in Hertfordshire, standing in five acres of ground. They leave town every night after the performance, reaching their country home almost as quickly as the less fortunate artistes who only have to journey to another side of London. Mr. Porteous appreciated his wife's ability and foretold her lucky future a long time before they met. When he was touring in America with "The Artist's Model" she happened to be making a success in New York as a little Southern girl in Alabama. The English company went in a body to see the play, and they all raved—especially Mr. Porteous—over the American girl, as they took her to be, Miss Ethel Irving.

I remember noticing how carefully and artistically Miss Elfrida Clement acted small parts, the last time Mr. F. R. Benson's company played a season in London, and what a particularly pretty boy she made. Now I find that she is engaged as the Garrick Theatre in My Lady Virtue. German on her father's side, and Welsh on her mother's, Miss Clement herself was born in England, and became a Bensonian when she was about the age to be cast for pages and fairies. She is a frank, demonstrative, pretty girl, and should certainly go far.

There are many stories to be told of pastoral plays. There is a good old tradition that it always rains during a performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream, and is particularly sunshiny during the storm scenes in The Tempest. Miss Elfrida Clement has played in many pastorals, and vouches for the truth of the following very inappropriate "happenings." She was acting Sylvia, in The Two Gentlemen of Verona, at Clifton, and flattering herself by the faces of her audience that she had touched their hearts with her serious speeches in the last act. The performance was being held in the grounds adjoining the Zoological Gardens, and just as Sylvia spoke the lines, "Had I been seized by a hungry lion I would have been a present to the beast?" there was a prolonged roar from the real lions close at hand. On another occasion when the Bensonians were playing Much Ado About Nothing, there was a raised platform on the stage. The entrance of the Prince and his followers usually carried too much weight, for the stage would bend just after Leonato in a most emphatic voice would splutter these words: "Never came trouble to my house in likeness of your Grace."

The dramatic critic has lately fallen upon evil days. Discussed as an almost negligible quantity by members of the O.P. Club, he finds himself by a recent decision in a Court of Law face to face with the fresh trouble that what seems to him fair comment may be judged libellous. Criticism of acting is mourned as an art of the past, not lost, it may be presumed, but gone some way before; but criticism of plays has been a healthy and vigorous pastime which has evidently had its uses for others than the critics themselves. If, however, the expression of adverse opinion is to be made in any general fashion the subject of litigation, the critic will be worse off than ever he was before. If such a state of affairs does come to pass it will then be high time for the O.P. Club to reopen their discussion: "Are dramatic critics any use?" For it will be amazingly difficult to see how the poor gentlemen are to fulfil any useful purpose when limited to faint or fulsome praise as the case may be. It is not, of course, an edifying spectacle to watch a critic "smashing" a lame and sorry production that is not worth powder and shot with the weight of biting sarcasm, thought it is easy to understand what a temptation is offered by some performances. But if he is to be gagged to the extent of being unable to label a play as vulgar or dirty when the occasion demands plain speaking, then he may just as well refrain from giving managers the benefit of his advice and the public that of his experience.

Before Mr. Forbes Robertson leaves the Lyric Theatre, about next Easter, to make way for Mr. Tom B. Davis' production of the new musical comedy written by Mr. Owen Hall, and composed by Mr. Sidney Jones, he will very likely give some performances of Othello, which he produced some time ago in the provinces with great success, and in which he gives what is perhaps his very finest Shakespearean performance. London has already waited too long for Mr. Robertson's Othello. It is good news that Mr. Robertson, one of our very few Shakespearean actors is to produce Oothello, But one might suggest to him an even more appropriate Shakespearean revival. It is many years since The Winter's Tale has been done in London. Mr. Forbes Robertson has already, earlier in his career, made a great success in the part of Leontes. Miss Gertrude Elliott would make a charming Perdita, and as for the part of Hermione, has it not recently been announced that Miss Ellen Terry will not be a member of Sir Henry Irving's company at Drury Lane in the spring, or on the American tour which is to follow?

Mrs. Jopling Rowe has painted a portrait of Mrs. Kendal as Mistress Ford in The Merry Wives of Windsor, which is now on exhibition at the Royal Society of British Artists, and she is also at work upon a portrait of Miss Ellen Terry, as Mistress Page.

Mr. Walter Stephens, who has just written a play upon Paradise Lost and wished to produce it at a London theatre, has been refused a licence for the piece by the Lord Chamberlain on the ground that it is concerned with Scriptural characters.

It would be interesting to know the real age of that patriarch of all Thames roaches which has just been taken at Walton. It is probably something prodigious; for roach, like carp, increase but slowly in size when once they have reached maturity. On the Continent records of the age of carp have several times been obtained, and we believe that in several instances they have been shown on good evidence to have exceeded the century, but we know of no records in the case of roach, possibly because being a river, not a pond, fish they are not so easily identified.

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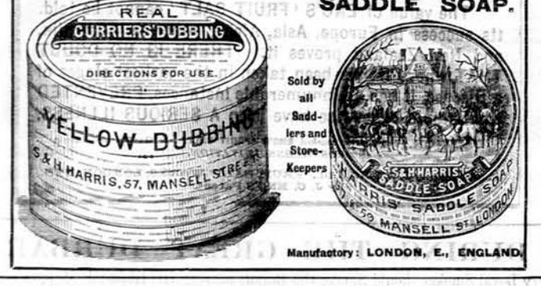

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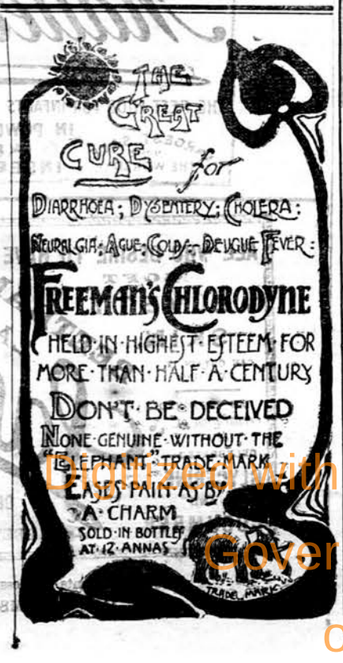

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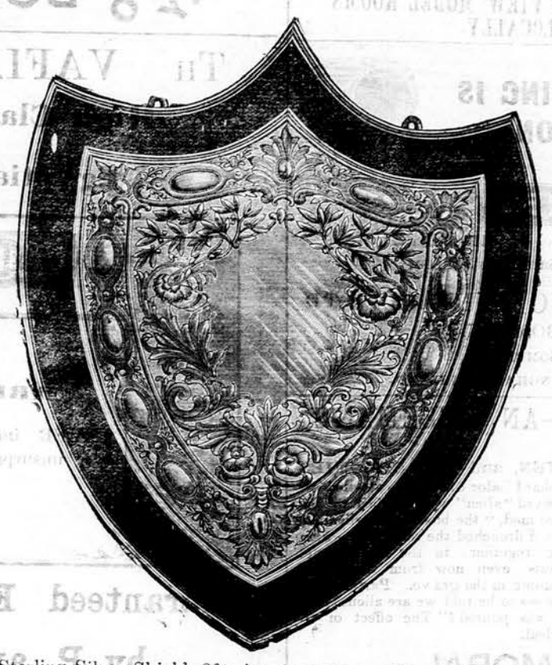

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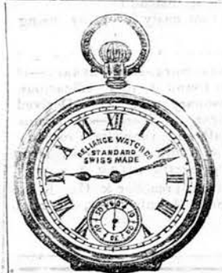

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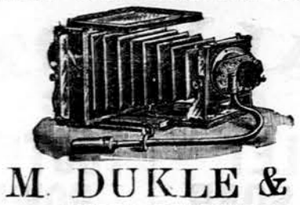

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